

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003  
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*As Engrossed: H3/20/03 H3/26/03 H4/15/03*

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1390

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY  
12 OPERATIONS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE  
13 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
17 SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005  
19 BIENNIUM.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
26 Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the 2003-  
27 2005 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose  
28 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification  
29 and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor,  
30 and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to  
31 which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be  
32 exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation  
33 Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed  
34 by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act  
35 (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.  
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| 1  |      |       | Maximum Annual                      |              |           |           |
|----|------|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2  |      |       | Maximum                             | Salary Rate  |           |           |
| 3  | Item | Class | No. of                              | Fiscal Years |           |           |
| 4  | No.  | Code  | Title                               | Employees    | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 |
| 5  | (1)  | 6603  | GENERAL PHYSICIAN                   | 5            | \$114,762 | \$117,219 |
| 6  | (2)  | 9719  | DHS DEP DIR COUNTY OPS              | 1            | \$93,803  | \$95,966  |
| 7  | (3)  | 9235  | DHS COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR         | 1            | \$83,516  | \$85,503  |
| 8  | (4)  | 8943  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR COUNTY OPS     | 1            | \$77,912  | \$79,793  |
| 9  | (5)  | 8937  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR COUNTY OPS     | 1            | \$77,912  | \$79,793  |
| 10 | (6)  | 8935  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR PGM & ADMN SPT | 1            | \$77,912  | \$79,793  |
| 11 | (7)  | 8039  | DHS/DCO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR          | 1            | \$77,912  | \$79,793  |
| 12 | (8)  | 8939  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR COUNTY OPS     | 1            | \$76,222  | \$78,070  |
| 13 | (9)  | 9751  | DHS DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SVCS         | 1            | \$72,236  | \$74,008  |
| 14 | (10) | 8944  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR COUNTY OPS     | 1            | \$68,414  | \$70,114  |
| 15 | (11) | 8940  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR COUNTY OPS     | 1            | \$68,414  | \$70,114  |
| 16 | (12) | 8950  | DHS MGR OF DHS COMMUNITY SVCS       | 1            | \$64,668  | \$66,297  |
| 17 | (13) | 8942  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR COUNTY OPS     | 1            | \$62,746  | \$64,338  |
| 18 | (14) | 8941  | DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR COUNTY OPS     | 1            | \$62,746  | \$64,338  |
| 19 | (15) | M042  | DHS/DCO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IV     | 2            | GRADE 24  |           |
| 20 | (16) | 923Z  | DHS PRGM ADMINISTRATOR              | 2            | GRADE 23  |           |
| 21 | (17) | M040  | DHS/DCO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III    | 11           | GRADE 23  |           |
| 22 | (18) | 699Z  | DHS/DCO FIELD MANAGER               | 6            | GRADE 22  |           |
| 23 | (19) | 909Z  | PROGRAM SUPPORT MANAGER             | 1            | GRADE 22  |           |
| 24 | (20) | 975Z  | DHS WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM ADMIN    | 1            | GRADE 22  |           |
| 25 | (21) | D066  | SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST II     | 1            | GRADE 22  |           |
| 26 | (22) | D124  | LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST             | 1            | GRADE 22  |           |
| 27 | (23) | M032  | DHS/DCO COUNTY SUPV IV              | 2            | GRADE 22  |           |
| 28 | (24) | M038  | DHS/DCO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR II     | 30           | GRADE 22  |           |
| 29 | (25) | 697Z  | DHS PRGM MANAGER                    | 5            | GRADE 21  |           |
| 30 | (26) | M022  | DHS/DCO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR I      | 34           | GRADE 21  |           |
| 31 | (27) | M029  | DHS/DCO COUNTY SUPV III             | 14           | GRADE 21  |           |
| 32 | (28) | R488  | GRANTS ADMIN SUPV                   | 2            | GRADE 21  |           |
| 33 | (29) | V014  | DHS/DCO COMMODITY SERVICES MANAGER  | 1            | GRADE 21  |           |
| 34 | (30) | D121  | USER SUPPORT ANALYST                | 2            | GRADE 20  |           |
| 35 | (31) | E112  | WEATHERIZATION TRAINING COORD       | 1            | GRADE 20  |           |
| 36 | (32) | M027  | DHS/DCO COUNTY SUPV II              | 29           | GRADE 20  |           |

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| 1  | (33) | R145 | DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR             | 11  | GRADE 20 |
| 2  | (34) | R266 | MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II       | 7   | GRADE 20 |
| 3  | (35) | E074 | TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE             | 5   | GRADE 19 |
| 4  | (36) | M025 | DHS/DCO COUNTY SUPV I               | 35  | GRADE 19 |
| 5  | (37) | M154 | DHS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE            | 16  | GRADE 19 |
| 6  | (38) | M164 | QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW SUPV         | 6   | GRADE 19 |
| 7  | (39) | R084 | DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR                | 5   | GRADE 19 |
| 8  | (40) | R168 | GRANTS COORDINATOR II               | 9   | GRADE 19 |
| 9  | (41) | R332 | DHS POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORD        | 6   | GRADE 19 |
| 10 | (42) | W012 | MEDICAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR       | 1   | GRADE 19 |
| 11 | (43) | M024 | FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST SUPV      | 97  | GRADE 18 |
| 12 | (44) | M068 | DHS PROGRAM ANALYST                 | 11  | GRADE 18 |
| 13 | (45) | M072 | SOCIAL SERVICE INVESTIGATOR II      | 20  | GRADE 18 |
| 14 | (46) | M075 | SOCIAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE II    | 6   | GRADE 18 |
| 15 | (47) | M078 | DHS/DEMS SUPERVISOR                 | 2   | GRADE 18 |
| 16 | (48) | M170 | QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWER            | 33  | GRADE 18 |
| 17 | (49) | M023 | FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST III       | 889 | GRADE 17 |
| 18 | (50) | M125 | WORK PROGRAM ADVISOR                | 35  | GRADE 17 |
| 19 | (51) | R010 | ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II         | 13  | GRADE 17 |
| 20 | (52) | X352 | HLTH CARE ANALYST II                | 1   | GRADE 17 |
| 21 | (53) | M021 | FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST II        | 2   | GRADE 16 |
| 22 | (54) | M110 | VOLUNTEER SERVICES COORDINATOR      | 3   | GRADE 16 |
| 23 | (55) | M148 | YOUTH SERVICES WORKER II            | 2   | GRADE 16 |
| 24 | (56) | A108 | ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II            | 1   | GRADE 15 |
| 25 | (57) | D005 | COMPUTER OPERATOR II                | 1   | GRADE 15 |
| 26 | (58) | K011 | ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SUPERVISOR    | 33  | GRADE 15 |
| 27 | (59) | V021 | COMMODITY DIST REP                  | 3   | GRADE 15 |
| 28 | (60) | V051 | STOREROOM SUPV/STORE SUPV           | 1   | GRADE 15 |
| 29 | (61) | K041 | EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY  | 25  | GRADE 14 |
| 30 | (62) | K117 | MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY          | 1   | GRADE 14 |
| 31 | (63) | K153 | SECRETARY II                        | 64  | GRADE 13 |
| 32 | (64) | M067 | SOCIAL SERVICE AIDE II              | 20  | GRADE 13 |
| 33 | (65) | M174 | SOCIAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE TRN   | 3   | GRADE 13 |
| 34 | (66) | K039 | DOCUMENT EXAMINER II                | 353 | GRADE 12 |
| 35 | (67) | K115 | STATISTICIAN ASST II/STATISTICIAN I | 1   | GRADE 12 |
| 36 | (68) | T045 | SECURITY OFFICER II                 | 1   | GRADE 12 |

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| 1 | (69) | K037 | DOCUMENT EXAMINER I        | 10       | GRADE 10 |
| 2 | (70) | C011 | SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR II    | 3        | GRADE 09 |
| 3 | (71) | V055 | SURPLUS PROPERTY ASSISTANT | <u>1</u> | GRADE 09 |
| 4 |      |      | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES      | 1,899    |          |

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 6 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of  
 7 Human Services - Division of County Operations for the 2003-2005 biennium,  
 8 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known  
 9 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:  
 10 thirty-seven (37) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 11 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 12 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 13 classification.  
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15 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION AND SALVAGE CONTAINER -  
 16 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services -  
 17 Division of County Operations, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in  
 18 the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 19 for operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 20 County Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the  
 21 following:  
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| 23 | ITEM                         | FISCAL YEARS      |                   |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 24 | <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2003-2004</u>  | <u>2004-2005</u>  |
| 25 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                   |                   |
| 26 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$ 360,000        | \$ 360,000        |
| 27 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 0                 | 0                 |
| 28 | (C) PROF. FEES               | 0                 | 0                 |
| 29 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 0                 | 0                 |
| 30 | (E) DATA PROC.               | <u>0</u>          | <u>0</u>          |
| 31 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u>\$ 360,000</u> | <u>\$ 360,000</u> |

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 33 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated,  
 34 to the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations, to be  
 35 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 36 the State, for federally funded grants of the Department of Human Services -

1 Division of County Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005,  
2 the following:

| 3  | 4    | 5                                    | 6 FISCAL YEARS       |                      |
|----|------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 7  | 8    | 9                                    | 2003-2004            | 2004-2005            |
| 10 | 11   | 12                                   |                      |                      |
| 13 | ITEM |                                      |                      |                      |
| 14 | NO.  |                                      |                      |                      |
| 15 | (01) | SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM            | \$ 2,000,000         | \$ 2,000,000         |
| 16 | (02) | WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM               | 4,920,000            | 5,420,000            |
| 17 | (03) | EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM               | 480,000              | 480,000              |
| 18 | (04) | LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | 10,959,034           | 10,959,034           |
| 19 | (05) | REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM         | 91,500               | 91,500               |
| 20 | (06) | HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANT            | <u>1,700,100</u>     | <u>1,900,100</u>     |
| 21 |      | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED            | <u>\$ 20,150,634</u> | <u>\$ 20,850,634</u> |

22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated,  
23 to the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations, to be  
24 payable from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant  
25 payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations  
26 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

| 27 | 28   | 29                           | 30 FISCAL YEARS |                 |
|----|------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 31 | 32   | 33                           | 2003-2004       | 2004-2005       |
| 34 | 35   | 36                           |                 |                 |
| 37 | ITEM |                              |                 |                 |
| 38 | NO.  |                              |                 |                 |
| 39 | (01) | AID TO AGED, BLIND, DISABLED | <u>\$ 4,000</u> | <u>\$ 4,000</u> |

40 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
41 Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations, to be payable  
42 from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
43 State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of  
44 County Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the  
45 following:

| 46 | 47   | 48               | 49 FISCAL YEARS |               |
|----|------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 50 | 51   | 52               | 2003-2004       | 2004-2005     |
| 53 | 54   | 55               |                 |               |
| 56 | ITEM |                  |                 |               |
| 57 | NO.  |                  |                 |               |
| 58 | (01) | TANF BLOCK GRANT | \$ 70,035,946   | \$ 70,035,946 |

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| 1 | (02) COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT | <u>9,831,604</u>     | <u>10,331,604</u>    |
| 2 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED          | <u>\$ 79,867,550</u> | <u>\$ 80,367,550</u> |

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 4 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM. There  
 5 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 6 County Operations, to be payable from the Individual Development Account  
 7 Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Human Services -  
 8 Division of County Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005,  
 9 the following:

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| 12 | ITEM                         | FISCAL YEARS      |                   |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 13 | <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2003-2004</u>  | <u>2004-2005</u>  |
| 14 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                   |                   |
| 15 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$ 0              | \$ 0              |
| 16 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 0                 | 0                 |
| 17 | (C) PROF. FEES               | 500,000           | 500,000           |
| 18 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 0                 | 0                 |
| 19 | (E) DATA PROC.               | <u>0</u>          | <u>0</u>          |
| 20 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u>\$ 500,000</u> | <u>\$ 500,000</u> |

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22 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 23 the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations, to be  
 24 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 25 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 26 Human Services - Division of County Operations for the biennial period ending  
 27 June 30, 2005, the following:

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| 30 | ITEM                         | FISCAL YEARS     |                  |
|----|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 31 | <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2003-2004</u> | <u>2004-2005</u> |
| 32 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES        | \$ 53,820,721    | \$ 55,273,870    |
| 33 | (02) EXTRA HELP              | 300,000          | 300,000          |
| 34 | (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCH     | 16,276,147       | 16,542,698       |
| 35 | (04) OVERTIME                | 150,000          | 150,000          |
| 36 | (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                  |                  |

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| (A) OPER. EXPENSE             | 19,514,592            | 20,837,050            |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL            | 488,405               | 488,405               |
| (C) PROF. FEES                | 10,600,556            | 10,640,556            |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY               | 21,000                | 21,000                |
| (E) DATA PROC.                | 0                     | 0                     |
| (06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES | <u>5,000,000</u>      | <u>5,000,000</u>      |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED     | <u>\$ 106,171,421</u> | <u>\$ 109,253,578</u> |

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION – WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE UTILITY ASSESSMENT.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations, to be payable from the Arkansas Weatherization Assistance Fund, for grant agreements with local governments and nonprofit corporations by the Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

| ITEM  | FISCAL YEARS        |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>NO.</u>  | <u>2003-2004</u>    | <u>2004-2005</u>    |
| (01) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE UTILITY ASSESSMENT | <u>\$ 4,700,000</u> | <u>\$ 4,700,000</u> |

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY OPERATIONS - RECORD RETENTION. It is determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that immediate needs of TEA recipients must be met to enable that recipient to obtain and maintain work. In many instances these needs are not immediately met because of the original documentation requirements of the Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law. For this reason, the case management field staff of the Department of Human Services is authorized to approve up to \$500 per TEA client to be disbursed for employment needs of the client from accounts designated for that purpose. Further a facsimile copy of the client-completed form (DCO Form #1430 or successor) or a facsimile copy of a vendor's invoice is sufficient documentation for expenditure records. All original documentation shall be maintained in the county office authorizing the expenditure.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~

1 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.  
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3 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY  
5 OPERATIONS - CARRY FORWARD. The unexpended balances in appropriations made  
6 from federal funds, for County Operations, as provided for in this Act on  
7 June 30, 2004 shall be carried forward and made available for expenditures  
8 for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003  
10 through June 30, 2005.  
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13 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY  
15 OPERATIONS - USE OF LOCAL FUNDS. To the extent allowed by Federal  
16 requirements, including waiver, demonstration and pilot project options, the  
17 Division of County Operations may use local and donated funds to obtain  
18 federal matching funds to enhance federal agency programs.

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20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003  
21 through June 30, 2005.  
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23 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
25 OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND. Not  
26 withstanding any federal regulations or mandates for the biennium that  
27 prohibits the use of funds for this purpose, the Department of Human  
28 Services, Division of County Operations shall transfer a total of \$12 million  
29 or 11 percent; whichever amount is less, of the state's federal Temporary  
30 Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant to the Child Care Development  
31 Fund. The funds, to be administered by the Division of Child Care and Early  
32 Childhood Education, shall be used to provide subsidized child care for TEA,  
33 transitional child care, or other low-income families. These funds shall be  
34 used to develop, support, enhance and subsidize early care and education  
35 programs.  
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1 The amount of transfer is subject to continuation of base level funding for  
2 the Division of County Operations.

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4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, 2003 through  
5 June 30, 2005.

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7 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
8 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
9 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
10 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
11 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
12 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
13 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
14 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
15 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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17 SECTION 15. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
18 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
19 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
20 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
21 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
22 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
23 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
24 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 16. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
28 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of  
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
31 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
32 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the  
33 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
34 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
35 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
36 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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