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1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2024
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As Engrossed: S4/17/24

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SENATE BILL 10

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR TRIAL COURT
10 ADMINISTRATORS, THE OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS OF THE
11 CIRCUIT COURTS, JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE
12 OFFICERS AND DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE
13 OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
19 THE COURTS - COURT PERSONNEL
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS. There is
27 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Trial Court
28 Administrators for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
29 regular employees.
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Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
No.	Code Title	No. of Employees	Fiscal Year
			2024-2025
(1)	Q226C TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR	<u>127</u>	GRADE GS08
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	127	



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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, Trial Court Administrator Substitutes expenses and Trial Court Administrators expenses of the Trial Court Administrators of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,446,513
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,445,798
(03) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSES	175,000
(04) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR SUBSTITUTES	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,242,311</u></u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2024-2025</u>
(1)	Q227C COURT REPORTER	<u>127</u>	GRADE GS09
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	127	

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, expenses allowance, indigent transcripts and court reporter substitutes of the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,293,661
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,640,288
4	(03) EXPENSES ALLOWANCE	350,000
5	(04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	600,000
6	(05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>375,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,258,949</u>

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 9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE OFFICERS. There
 10 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be
 11 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for reimbursement of a portion
 12 of the salaries of full-time juvenile probation and intake officers in
 13 accordance with Arkansas Code 16-13-327 and Arkansas Code 16-13-328 for the
 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE OFFICERS	<u>\$4,618,100</u>

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 20 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE
 21 OFFICERS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the
 22 Courts - Drug Court Juvenile Probation & Intake Officers for the 2024-2025
 23 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

25			Maximum Annual
26		Maximum	Salary Rate
27	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
28	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(1) Q231C DRUG COURT JUV PROB & INTAKE OFF	<u>13</u>	GRADE GS08
30	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	13	

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 32 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE
 33 OFFICERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the
 34 Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal
 35 services for the Drug Court Juvenile Probation & Intake Officers and
 36 operating expenses for *risk assessment and behavioral screenings* for the

1 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$589,010
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	234,392
7 (03) <i>ASSESSMENT-SCREENINGS EXPENSES</i>	<u>87,500</u>
8 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$910,902</u></u>

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

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20 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 30 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 31 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
 33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
 36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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