

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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HOUSE BILL 1098

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR  
11 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DISABILITY  
12 DETERMINATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
13 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR  
17 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
18 DISABILITY DETERMINATION APPROPRIATION  
19 FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.  
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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 State  
26 Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination for  
27 the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
33	(1) U034U	DDSSA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE03
34	(2) L003N	CHIEF PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	1	GRADE MP09
35	(3) L025N	SENIOR PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	2	GRADE MP08
36	(4) L024N	DDSSA MEDICAL SPECIALIST	26	GRADE MP07



1	(5)	L012N DDSSA MEDICAL CONSULTANT	11	GRADE MP06
2	(6)	L027N DDSSA PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIST	7	GRADE MP05
3	(7)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT07
4	(8)	D121C BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
5	(9)	D042C DATA WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT06
6	(10)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	6	GRADE IT05
7	(11)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
8	(12)	A145C DDSSA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS14
9	(13)	G234C DDSSA PROGRAM DIRECTOR	4	GRADE GS13
10	(14)	G059C DDSSA ASST DIRECTOR	5	GRADE GS12
11	(15)	G292C DDSSA PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
12	(16)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
13	(17)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
14	(18)	E067C DDSSA PROGRAM EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS11
15	(19)	G233C DDSSA SECTION MANAGER	9	GRADE GS11
16	(20)	X207C DDSSA ADJUDICATOR V	185	GRADE GS10
17	(21)	G258C DDSSA HEARING OFFICER	5	GRADE GS10
18	(22)	X203C DDSSA QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS10
19	(23)	G112C DDSSA UNIT SUPERVISOR	28	GRADE GS10
20	(24)	X190C DDSSA ADJUDICATOR IV	79	GRADE GS09
21	(25)	A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
22	(26)	X071C DDSSA CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR III	118	GRADE GS08
23	(27)	X070C DDSSA FRAUD INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS08
24	(28)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
25	(29)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
26	(30)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
27	(31)	X104C DDSSA CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR II	2	GRADE GS07
28	(32)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
29	(33)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
30	(34)	X143C DDSSA CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR I	3	GRADE GS06
31	(35)	G199C DDSSA PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER	1	GRADE GS06
32	(36)	X201C DDSSA ADJUDICATIVE SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS05
33	(37)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
34	(38)	R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE	1	GRADE GS05
35	(39)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
36	(40)	C049C DDSSA ADJUDICATIVE ASSISTANT	58	GRADE GS04

1	(41) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
2	(42) R038C HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	594	

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5 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State  
6 Department for Social Security Administration Disability Determination for  
7 the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
8 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
9 appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time  
10 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
11 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
12 for the appropriate classification.

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14 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
15 to the State Department for Social Security Administration Disability  
16 Determination, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the  
17 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating  
18 expenses of the State Department for Social Security Administration  
19 Disability Determination for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
20 following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$40,681,819
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	450,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,472,435
27	(04) OVERTIME	2,000,000
28	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,184,400
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	26,500
31	(C) PROF. FEES	13,926,285
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	75,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$77,816,439</u>

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36 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADDITIONAL  
2 POSITIONS. The Director of the State Department for Social Security  
3 Administration Disability Determination, after receiving the approval of the  
4 Office of Personnel Management, and after seeking prior review by the  
5 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the  
6 authority to establish such new additional full time positions as may become  
7 necessary to carry out the objectives of the department and/or to meet  
8 Federal requirements of new and/or expanded programs where such needs are  
9 financed by Federal funds; provided that not more than two hundred fifty  
10 (250) positions may be created in addition to those authorized in the Regular  
11 Salaries section of this Act.

12 If the department requests continuation of any positions as established  
13 herein, the positions must be requested as new positions in the department's  
14 budget request.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
16 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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18 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
24 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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28 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
30 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
31 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
32 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
33 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
34 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
35 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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1        SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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