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SENATE BILL 35

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 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
11 SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
12 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
17 SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND
18 FAMILY SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
26 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family
27 Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
28 regular employees.
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				Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year
Item	Class		Maximum	
No.	Code	Title	No. of	2025-2026
			Employees	
34	(1)	N249N DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
35	(2)	N016N DHS DEP DIR ADMINISTRATIVE SVCS	1	GRADE GS15
36	(3)	N134N DHS/DCFS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	4	GRADE GS14



1	(4)	N121N DHS/DCFS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS14
2	(5)	G101C DHS AREA MANAGER	10	GRADE GS12
3	(6)	G027N DHS RESEARCH ANALYSIS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
4	(7)	G100C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III	2	GRADE GS10
5	(8)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
6	(9)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	19	GRADE GS09
7	(10)	M011C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER COUNTY SUPV	29	GRADE GS09
8	(11)	M016C DHS FIELD MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
9	(12)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
10	(13)	M010C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER CLINICAL SPEC	26	GRADE GS08
11	(14)	M015C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER SUPERVISOR	162	GRADE GS08
12	(15)	X062C QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08
13	(16)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
14	(17)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
15	(18)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	11	GRADE GS07
16	(19)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	2	GRADE GS07
17	(20)	M027C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER SPECIALIST	670	GRADE GS07
18	(21)	M040C FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
19	(22)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	3	GRADE GS07
20	(23)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	16	GRADE GS06
21	(24)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
22	(25)	M051C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER	40	GRADE GS06
23	(26)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
24	(27)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	10	GRADE GS05
25	(28)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	26	GRADE GS04
26	(29)	L078C FAMILY SERVICES ASSISTANT	6	GRADE GS04
27	(30)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
28	(31)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
29	(32)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS03
30	(33)	M090C DHS PROGRAM ASSISTANT	338	GRADE GS03
31	(34)	C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	<u>17</u>	GRADE GS03
32		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,420	

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34 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 35 the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services
 36 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or

1 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 2 appropriated herein for such purposes: sixty-five (65) temporary or part-time
 3 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 4 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 5 for the appropriate classification.

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 7 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 8 to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as
 9 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 10 and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of
 11 Children and Family Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 12 following:

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$62,586,466
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	1,231,570
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	27,002,960
19 (04) OVERTIME	5,061,305
20 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	17,191,660
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	39,011
23 (C) PROF. FEES	33,236,462
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	0
26 (06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>1,595,570</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$147,945,004</u>

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 29 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby
 30 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
 31 Children and Family Services Fund Account, for grant payments of the
 32 Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services -
 33 Grants - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01) FOSTER CARE	\$54,006,830
2	(02) STATE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT	<u>10,647,249</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$64,654,079</u>

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 5 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TANF - FOSTER CARE. There is hereby
 6 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
 7 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 8 grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and
 9 Family Services - TANF - Foster Care for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 10 2026, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
14	(01) FOSTER CARE	<u>\$102,907,999</u>

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 16 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION
 17 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human
 18 Services, to be payable from the Children's Trust Fund, for operating
 19 expenses and grants or loans for the development or operation of child abuse
 20 prevention programs of the Department of Human Services - Division of
 21 Children and Family Services - Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board for
 22 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$17,770
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(02) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION	
33	GRANT AND AID/LOANS	<u>197,029</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$214,799</u>

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 36 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - SAFE HARBOR GRANTS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
 2 Safe Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children, for grants to Children’s
 3 Advocacy Centers statewide for services and treatment for sexually exploited
 4 children by the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and
 5 Family Services - Safe Harbor Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 6 2026, the following:

8 ITEM 9 NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
10 (01) SAFE HARBOR GRANTS	<u>\$50,000</u>

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

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

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 31 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 32 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 33 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
 35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

1 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
2 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
3 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
4 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
5 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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