

1 State of Arkansas  
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4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 36

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 AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL  
12 HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
13 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
17 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND  
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
26 established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult,  
27 and Behavioral Health Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following  
28 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
34	(1) N221N	ARKANSAS STATE HOSPITAL COO	1	GRADE SE03
35	(2) N220N	DHS CHIEF ATTORNEY	1	GRADE SE02
36	(3) N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02



1	(4)	N027N DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES	1	GRADE SE01
2	(5)	L011N DENTIST	1	GRADE MP06
3	(6)	L009N DHS BEHAV HLTH GENERAL PHYSICIAN	3	GRADE MP06
4	(7)	L014N DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY	1	GRADE MP06
5	(8)	L013N GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
6	(9)	L016N REGISTERED PHARMACIST	4	GRADE MP05
7	(10)	L105C AHC NURSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MP04
8	(11)	L001C PSYCHOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP04
9	(12)	L006C ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF NURSING	3	GRADE MP03
10	(13)	L009C NURSE MANAGER	10	GRADE MP03
11	(14)	L003C PSYCHOLOGIST	4	GRADE MP03
12	(15)	L015C CLINICAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP02
13	(16)	L036C NURSE INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE MP02
14	(17)	L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	30	GRADE MP02
15	(18)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	121	GRADE MP01
16	(19)	L032C REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	28	GRADE MP01
17	(20)	G283C DHS CHIEF SECURITY & COMPLIANCE OFCR	1	GRADE GS15
18	(21)	N103N DHS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
19	(22)	N124N DHS/DYS ASSISTANT DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
20	(23)	M002C DHS BEHAV HLTH ASSOC DIR, AHC	1	GRADE GS13
21	(24)	M003C DHS BEHAV HLTH CHILDRENS SYSTEM CARE DIR	1	GRADE GS13
22	(25)	G277C DHS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
23	(26)	N127N DHS/DBHS DIR ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE PREV	1	GRADE GS13
24	(27)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
25	(28)	G101C DHS AREA MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
26	(29)	N152N DHS/DBHS ASSISTANT DIR ADMIN SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
27	(30)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
28	(31)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
29	(32)	L011C DHS ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE PREV ASST DEP DIR	3	GRADE GS11
30	(33)	G027N DHS RESEARCH ANALYSIS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
31	(34)	N153N DHS/DBHS CLINICAL DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
32	(35)	G008C RISK MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
33	(36)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
34	(37)	L010C DHS DMS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
35	(38)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	12	GRADE GS09
36	(39)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS09

1	(40)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
2	(41)	M009C LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	27	GRADE GS09
3	(42)	L033C PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	1	GRADE GS09
4	(43)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	1	GRADE GS08
5	(44)	L050C CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECH	4	GRADE GS08
6	(45)	T031C DHS BEHAV HLTH PUBLIC SAFETY DIR	1	GRADE GS08
7	(46)	M016C DHS FIELD MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
8	(47)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	11	GRADE GS08
9	(48)	G083C DHS/DAAS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
10	(49)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
11	(50)	M010C FAMILY SERVICE WORKER CLINICAL SPEC	1	GRADE GS08
12	(51)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
13	(52)	M018C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR II	1	GRADE GS08
14	(53)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
15	(54)	S008C CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
16	(55)	G131C DHS BEHAV HLTH MED BUS PRACTICES ADM	1	GRADE GS07
17	(56)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	23	GRADE GS07
18	(57)	G153C DHS/DAAS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
19	(58)	L055C DIETICIAN	1	GRADE GS07
20	(59)	L062C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SUPERVISOR	12	GRADE GS07
21	(60)	M026C LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	5	GRADE GS07
22	(61)	P020C PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	GRADE GS07
23	(62)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	1	GRADE GS07
24	(63)	L052C REHAB FACILITY SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
25	(64)	A072C RESEARCH & STATISTICS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
26	(65)	A063C RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
27	(66)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	14	GRADE GS06
28	(67)	M045C ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER	39	GRADE GS06
29	(68)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	3	GRADE GS06
30	(69)	L044C DHS BEHAV HLTH CASE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
31	(70)	G184C DHS PROGRAM CONSULTANT	2	GRADE GS06
32	(71)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
33	(72)	G198C DHS/DAAS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
34	(73)	T052C DHS/DBHS PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS06
35	(74)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE GS06
36	(75)	X101C INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS06

1	(76)	G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
2	(77)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	93	GRADE GS06
3	(78)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
4	(79)	G124C OMBUDSMAN	1	GRADE GS06
5	(80)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
6	(81)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
7	(82)	L103C PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATOR	3	GRADE GS06
8	(83)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	1	GRADE GS06
9	(84)	C026C RECORDS/INTAKE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
10	(85)	L051C REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	1	GRADE GS06
11	(86)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
12	(87)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	9	GRADE GS06
13	(88)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
14	(89)	S021C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT SUPV	1	GRADE GS06
15	(90)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
16	(91)	C050C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS05
17	(92)	S041C BOILER OPERATOR	4	GRADE GS05
18	(93)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(94)	C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
20	(95)	D077C HELP DESK SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
21	(96)	T055C PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER	20	GRADE GS05
22	(97)	M065C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS05
23	(98)	L066C REHABILITATION INSTRUCTOR	35	GRADE GS05
24	(99)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	25	GRADE GS05
25	(100)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	2	GRADE GS05
26	(101)	S030C WATER FILTER/WASTE DISPOSAL PLNT OPER	2	GRADE GS05
27	(102)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	38	GRADE GS04
28	(103)	X167C COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS04
29	(104)	L102C DIETETIC SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
30	(105)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
31	(106)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS04
32	(107)	R038C HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
33	(108)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	3	GRADE GS04
34	(109)	B111C LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS04
35	(110)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	4	GRADE GS04
36	(111)	T072C SECURITY OFFICER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04

1	(112)	V023C STOREROOM SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
2	(113)	L074C THERAPY ASSISTANT	2	GRADE GS04
3	(114)	V025C WAREHOUSE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
4	(115)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	5	GRADE GS03
5	(116)	M084C BEHAV HLTH AIDE	75	GRADE GS03
6	(117)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	153	GRADE GS03
7	(118)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	8	GRADE GS03
8	(119)	S067C HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
9	(120)	S076C INSTITUTIONAL BEAUTICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
10	(121)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS03
11	(122)	C074C MEDICAL RECORDS ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
12	(123)	T084C PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	60	GRADE GS03
13	(124)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	5	GRADE GS02
14	(125)	S070C EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN	4	GRADE GS02
15	(126)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	9	GRADE GS02
16	(127)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS02
17	(128)	S066C LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS02
18	(129)	M076C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	20	GRADE GS02
19	(130)	V030C SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK	1	GRADE GS02
20	(131)	E056C TEACHER ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS02
21	(132)	V028C WAREHOUSE WORKER	2	GRADE GS02
22	(133)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	29	GRADE GS01
23	(134)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	48	GRADE GS01
24	(135)	L086C PHARMACY ASSISTANT	2	GRADE GS01
25	(136)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
26		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,163	

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28 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,

29 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and

30 Behavioral Health Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following

31 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra

32 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three

33 hundred forty-seven (347) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at

34 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

35 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

36 classification.

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 2 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 3 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
 4 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 5 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services  
 6 - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal  
 7 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$57,562,277
12 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,764,305
13 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	24,348,646
14 (04) OVERTIME	5,712,006
15 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	28,632,158
17 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	182,214
18 (C) PROF. FEES	9,460,828
19 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$131,662,434</u>

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 23 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - OPERATIONS.  
 24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be  
 25 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 26 the State, for operating expenses, grants, and programs for aging and adult  
 27 services of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and  
 28 Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 29 following:

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33 (01) NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES	\$4,802,025
34 (02) NUTRITION PROGRAMS	25,490,328
35 (03) OLDER WORKER PROGRAM	1,052,665
36 (04) PROJECT GRANTS	17,447,582

1	(05) RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM	75,000
2	(06) SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS	<u>10,000,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$58,867,600</u>

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5 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY OPERATIONS. There

6 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable

7 from the Highway Safety Special Fund, for grant payments of the Department of

8 Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for

9 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY GRANTS AND	
14	AID	<u>\$2,416,834</u>

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16 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PATIENT BENEFITS - CASH. There is hereby

17 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the

18 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

19 Officer of the State, for benefits of the patients of the Department of Human

20 Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the

21 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
25	(01) PATIENT BENEFIT FUND	<u>\$34,676</u>

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27 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS. There is hereby

28 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the

29 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

30 grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging,

31 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30,

32 2026, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
36	(01) MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$50,477,554</u>

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 2 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. There is  
 3 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from  
 4 the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund, for education, drug abuse  
 5 prevention, and treatment services of the Department of Human Services -  
 6 Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year  
 7 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
11 (01) EDUCATION/PREVENTION/TREATMENT	<u>\$59,666,991</u>

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 13 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CRISIS SERVICES. There is hereby  
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
 15 Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for grants and operating expenses  
 16 related to crisis intervention of the Department of Human Services - Division  
 17 of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending  
 18 June 30, 2026, the following:

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20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22 (01) CRISIS SERVICES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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 24 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM.  
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be  
 26 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 27 the State, for a grant program to veterans service organizations to support  
 28 veterans and their families by the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 29 Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June  
 30 30, 2026, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34 (01) VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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 36 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - MEALS ON WHEELS. There is hereby



1 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
 2 Aging and Adult Services Fund Account, for the Meals on Wheels Program and  
 3 transportation services for the elderly of the Department of Human Services -  
 4 Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year  
 5 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9 (01) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	<u>\$2,400,000</u>

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11 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SENIOR OLYMPICS. There is hereby  
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the  
 13 Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for matching funds for the Arkansas  
 14 Senior Olympics of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging,  
 15 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 16 2026, the following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20 (01) STATE MATCH	<u>\$70,000</u>

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22 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 24 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. Pay rates for physicians and chief psychologists  
 25 within the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services may  
 26 include the special allowances available to UAMS physicians and professional  
 27 faculty as authorized in Arkansas Code. Part of the salaries of such staff  
 28 will come from the receipt of professional income in the care of patients  
 29 and/or funds received from federal agencies, foundations and other private  
 30 sponsors in the support of research. Provided that any such allowance shall  
 31 not exceed, for any employee, an amount equal to two and one half times the  
 32 salary authorized by the General Assembly. The specific Division of Aging,  
 33 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services classifications covered by this  
 34 language are:

35 Class  
 36 Code Title

1 L005N Psychiatric Specialist  
2 L009N DHS Behavioral Health General Physician  
3 L001C Psychologist Supervisor

4 Prior to these allowances being made available for an individual, they  
5 will be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and reviewed by the  
6 Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget  
7 Committee.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
9 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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11 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS  
13 HEALTH CENTER. (A) The Department of Human Services shall not close the  
14 Arkansas Health Center that provides skilled nursing through specialized  
15 services and programs.

16 (B) The Department of Human Services shall continue to accept clients for  
17 whom it has determined that skilled nursing and specialized services are  
18 needed at the Arkansas Health Center.

19 (C) No funds shall be transferred or reduced from the Arkansas Health  
20 Center, except for use as federal matching funds, below the approved funding  
21 level on March 1, 2003 without the prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative  
22 Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

23 (D) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue  
24 funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General  
25 Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the  
26 appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations  
27 authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue  
28 Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the  
29 Department of Human Services may operate more efficiently if some flexibility  
30 is provided to the Department of Human Services authorizing broad powers  
31 under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the  
32 General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the  
33 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section.  
34 The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
35 Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of  
36 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled

1 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
2 void.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
4 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

6 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ~~SPECIAL~~  
8 ~~RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS. For employees hired on or after July~~  
9 ~~1, 2013, at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed below,~~  
10 ~~the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services Director shall~~  
11 ~~implement salary adjustments utilizing the approved pay grid for teachers~~  
12 ~~employed by the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf.~~

13 ~~To achieve the salary adjustments, the Division of Aging, Adult, and~~  
14 ~~Behavioral Health Services is authorized to pay special rates of pay for~~  
15 ~~classifications at the Arkansas State Hospital listed below:~~

16 Classification	Title	Grade
17 E035G	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
18 E044G	Certified Bachelors Teacher	GS06

19 ~~Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that~~  
20 ~~is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required,~~  
21 ~~be provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or~~  
22 ~~fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of~~  
23 ~~the State. The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services~~  
24 ~~shall in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service~~  
25 ~~Recognition Payments from the Performance Fund, make available any funding~~  
26 ~~generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund~~  
27 ~~accounts as provided by law.~~

28 For employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State  
29 Hospital ~~in the classifications listed above~~ either a Certified Masters  
30 Teacher or a Certified Bachelors Teacher, the Division of Aging, Adult, and  
31 Behavioral Health Services Director shall set the number of work days for the  
32 employment year to equal the number of days worked by those employed in the  
33 same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf. The  
34 accrual, use, and carryover of sick days, personal days, and holidays of the  
35 employees at the Arkansas State Hospital that are hired on or after July 1,  
36 2013, ~~or current employees choosing to adopt this plan,~~ shall be treated in

1 the same manner as those employed in the same classifications at the Arkansas  
 2 Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

3 ~~Those currently employed at the Arkansas State Hospital in the~~  
 4 ~~classifications listed above as of June 30, 2013, have the one time option of~~  
 5 ~~adopting this language or continuing to operate under the same salary, leave~~  
 6 ~~and benefit plans they are currently receiving. Employees must make their~~  
 7 ~~decision by June 30, 2013.~~

8 ~~Accrued annual and holiday leave, up to 240 hours, as of June 30,~~  
 9 ~~2013, will be paid out to current employees choosing to adopt this plan. Any~~  
 10 ~~additional accrued annual and holiday leave will be forfeited. Accrued sick~~  
 11 ~~leave, as of June 30, 2013, shall be retained on file and shall be exhausted~~  
 12 ~~before any newly accrued sick leave may be taken.~~

13 All employees affected by this section shall be eligible to receive  
 14 hazardous duty pay for time worked in eligible areas.

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

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 18 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
 20 FORWARD - ~~COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION~~ CRISIS SERVICES. Any unexpended  
 21 balance of funds allocated for ~~Community Based Crisis Intervention~~ Crisis  
 22 Services in the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and  
 23 Behavioral Health Services from the Behavioral Health Services Fund Account  
 24 which remains at the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward  
 25 to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as  
 26 set forth in law. Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as  
 27 authorized herein may be carried forward under the following conditions:

28 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, the Agency shall, by written  
 29 statement, set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding  
 30 to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

31 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall  
 32 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the  
 33 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting  
 34 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission, or  
 35 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name  
 36 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the

1 written request set forth in (1) above;

2 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution shall provide a  
3 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
4 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written  
5 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc.  
6 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty  
7 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission, or Institution  
8 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
9 Committee; and

10 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
11 include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals  
12 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission, or  
13 Institution.

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

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17 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AGING AND  
19 ADULT SERVICES - MATCHING FUNDS. The funds appropriated for state match for  
20 the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program in this Act shall be paid on a two-to-  
21 one state/local matching basis. The Senior Arkansas Sports Organization must  
22 certify its portion of the match to the Division of Aging, Adult, and  
23 Behavioral Health Services before any funds appropriated for state match for  
24 the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program in this Act are disbursed.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
26 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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28 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AGING AND  
30 ADULT SERVICES - NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES. Funding for "Nursing Home  
31 Care Alternatives", as it appears in the Aging and Adult Services -  
32 Operations appropriation may be used for home delivered meals, adult day  
33 care, homemaker/chore, respite care, personal care, health promotion, and  
34 other community-based activities. These funds may also be used to match  
35 Medicaid community-based programs.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~

1 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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3 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SENIOR  
5 CITIZEN CENTERS. The appropriation in this act for Senior Citizen Centers  
6 shall be distributed in the same manner as the funding formula requirements  
7 set out in the federal Older Americans Act funding law. The additional  
8 funding provided by this provision shall supplement and not supplant any  
9 monies currently funding services for Senior Citizen Centers.

10 The requirements in this section shall only be implemented in accordance  
11 with any necessary approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
12 and in the event that additional general revenue funding is provided by the  
13 General Assembly for these purposes. Should additional funding provided for  
14 these purposes be insufficient to provide for the increases in full, the  
15 increases shall be provided to the extent that funding is made available.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
17 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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19 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
21 FORWARD OF UNOBLIGATED GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS. (a)  
22 On June 30, 2019, or as soon as is practicable to determine funds available  
23 as authorized in this Section, and each fiscal year thereafter the Chief  
24 Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books  
25 and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of  
26 unobligated general revenue funds, excluding funds carried forward for other  
27 purposes, remaining in the Fund or Fund Accounts and the corresponding paying  
28 accounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as set out  
29 in subsection (b) herein, to the Department of Human Services - Division of  
30 Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services paying account to be used  
31 exclusively for the disbursement of funds for Senior Citizen Centers in the  
32 amount of recouped and recovered general revenue not to exceed five hundred  
33 thousand dollars (\$500,000).

34 (b) Any unobligated general revenue, excluding funds carried forward for  
35 other purposes, remaining in the following Fund or Fund Accounts and the  
36 corresponding paying accounts at the end of the Fiscal Year that would

1 normally be transferred into the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund as  
2 recouped or recovered General Revenue shall be transferred as authorized in  
3 subsection (a) herein:

- 4 (1) Department of Human Services Administration Fund Account;
- 5 (2) Children and Family Services Fund Account;
- 6 (3) Youth Services Fund Account;
- 7 (4) Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account;
- 8 (5) Medical Services Fund Account;
- 9 (6) Behavioral Health Services Fund Account;
- 10 (7) County Operations Fund Account; and
- 11 (8) Provider Services and Quality Assurance Fund Account.

12 (c)(1) Any general revenue recouped or recovered as authorized in  
13 subsections (a) and (b) herein shall be carried forward to the following  
14 fiscal year for Senior Citizen Centers and shall be distributed in the same  
15 manner as the funding formula requirements set out in the federal Older  
16 Americans Act funding law.

17 (2) The additional funding provided by this provision shall supplement  
18 and not supplant any monies currently funding services for Senior Citizen  
19 Centers.

20 (d) Should additional funding provided for in subsections (a) and (b)  
21 herein be insufficient to provide for the full five hundred thousand dollars  
22 (\$500,000) authorized, the increases shall be provided to the extent that  
23 general revenue is recouped and carried forward.

24 (e)(1) The Department of Human Services shall provide a written report to  
25 the Department of Finance and Administration Budget Office, the Arkansas  
26 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee the total amount of general  
27 revenue carried forward and distributed as set forth in this section no later  
28 than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget  
29 request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

30 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall include all  
31 information obtained in subsection (e)(1) herein in the budget manual  
32 submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for  
33 the Department.

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35 SECTION 21. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
36 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
2 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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18 SECTION 23. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
19 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
20 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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