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A Bill

SENATE BILL 22

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, 2027; 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
28 regular employees.
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			Maximum Annual
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
34	(1) EEX22A HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
35	(2) SSP03C DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC09
36	(3) SSP04C DHS DIVISION MANAGER	6	GRADE SPC07



1	(4)	EES02P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL II	1	GRADE SPC04
2	(5)	SSP09C SOCIAL SERVICES AREA MANAGER	10	GRADE SGS11
3	(6)	SSP14C SOCIAL SERVICES COUNTY MANAGER III	2	GRADE SGS10
4	(7)	SSP15C SOCIAL SERVICES MANAGER	19	GRADE SGS09
5	(8)	SSP12C SOCIAL SERVICES COUNTY MANAGER I	28	GRADE SGS08
6	(9)	SSP17P SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	165	GRADE SGS08
7	(10)	CTR04P TRAINING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
8	(11)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
9	(12)	SSP11P SOCIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR	29	GRADE SGS07
10	(13)	SSP16P SOCIAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	730	GRADE SGS06
11	(14)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	16	GRADE SGS05
12	(15)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	8	GRADE SGS05
13	(16)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
14	(17)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	57	GRADE SGS02
15	(18)	SSP10P SOCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>344</u>	GRADE SGS02
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,420	

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18 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

19 the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services

20 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or

21 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds

22 appropriated herein for such purposes: sixty-five (65) temporary or part-time

23 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the

24 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act

25 for the appropriate classification.

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27 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,

28 to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as

29 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services

30 and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of

31 Children and Family Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

32 following:

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34	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2026-2027</u>
36	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$62,628,666

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	1,231,570
2	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	27,012,766
3	(04)	OVERTIME	5,061,305
4	(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	17,191,660
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	39,011
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	33,236,462
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
10	(06)	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>1,595,570</u>
11		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$147,997,010</u>

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13 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby

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

15 Children and Family Services Fund Account, for grant payments of the

16 Department of Human Services - Division of Children and Family Services -

17 Grants - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) FOSTER CARE	\$54,006,830
22	(02) STATE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT	<u>10,647,249</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$64,654,079</u>

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25 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TANF - FOSTER CARE. There is hereby

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

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

28 grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and

29 Family Services - TANF - Foster Care for the fiscal year ending June 30,

30 2027, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) FOSTER CARE	<u>\$102,907,999</u>

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36 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION

1 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human
 2 Services, to be payable from the Children’s Trust Fund, for operating
 3 expenses and grants or loans for the development or operation of child abuse
 4 prevention programs of the Department of Human Services - Division of
 5 Children and Family Services - Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board for
 6 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
10 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$17,770
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
13 (C) PROF. FEES	0
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (02) CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION	
17 GRANT AND AID/LOANS	<u>197,029</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$214,799</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - SAFE HARBOR GRANTS. There is hereby
 21 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
 22 Safe Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children, for grants to Children’s
 23 Advocacy Centers statewide for services and treatment for sexually exploited
 24 children by the Department of Human Services - Division of Children and
 25 Family Services - Safe Harbor Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 26 2027, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30 (01) SAFE HARBOR GRANTS	<u><u>\$50,000</u></u>

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 32 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 33 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 34 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 35 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 36 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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6 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
7 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
8 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
9 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
10 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
11 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
12 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
13 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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15 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
16 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
17 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
18 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
20 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
21 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
22 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
23 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
24 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
25 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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