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By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	Q004N	AOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	Q260C	AOC COURT APPLICATIONS BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE IT10
(3)	Q088C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
(4)	Q219C	AOC DATA QUALITY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT07
(5)	Q114C	AOC COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST II	2	GRADE IT06
(6)	Q048C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	2	GRADE IT06
(7)	Q070C	AOC REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST	6	GRADE IT05

(8)	Q082C	AOC INTERPRETER SC:L	1	GRADE IT04
(9)	Q008N	AOC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(10)	Q009C	AOC MANAGING ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS13
(11)	Q019C	AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS12
(12)	Q050C	AOC COURT INTERPRETER SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
(13)	Q071C	AOC FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS11
(14)	Q058C	AOC JUDICIAL BRANCH EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10
(15)	Q104C	AOC PERSONNEL MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
(16)	Q014C	AOC SPECIALTY COURT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(17)	Q069C	AOC CASA COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(18)	Q258C	AOC JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
(19)	Q057C	AOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS08
(20)	Q081C	AOC SPANISH INTERPRETER	3	GRADE GS08
(21)	Q089C	AOC OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(22)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS06
(23)	Q102C	AOC JUDICIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(24)	Q105C	AOC RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(25)	A090C	PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	42	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM FISCAL YEAR

NO.		2020-2021
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$2,667,631
(02)	EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	828,824
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	344,265
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	45,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	164,500
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	JUDICIAL EDUCATION	260,000
(06)	COURT INTERPRETER FEES	479,350
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$4,829,570

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute Resolution Commission for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	Q020C	AOC ADR PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(2)	Q132C	AOC ADR TRAINING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(3)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS06
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Dispute Resolution Commission - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR

ITEM NO.		2020-2021
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$156,126
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	51,218
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	35,514
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	31,604
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANTS	25,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$314,462

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses, fees and services of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$125,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	120,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$275,000

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and visual impairments to act as a venire person or juror for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	AUXILLIARY AIDS-HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS	$10,000

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES CONTINUING EDUCATION - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses for a continuing education program for District Judges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$60,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$80,000

SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	Q191C	AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
(2)	Q019C	AOC SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	2	GRADE GS12
(3)	Q029C	AOC AD LITEM ATTORNEY	34	GRADE GS11
(4)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS06
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	38	

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be transferred from the State Administration of Justice Fund, and to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$2,769,280
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	831,778
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	466,514
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	1,405,816
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GRANTS	1,750,000
(05)	ATTORNEY AD LITEM FEES/REIMBURSEMENTS	396,750
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$7,630,138

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	Q015N	AOC APPLICATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT11
(2)	Q012N	AOC CIS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT11
(3)	Q261C	AOC IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE DIR	1	GRADE IT10
(4)	Q062N	AOC SYSTEMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT10

(5)	N187N	CIS DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE IT10
(6)	Q259C	AOC JUDICIAL CHIEF IT SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE IT09
(7)	Q016C	AOC PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(8)	Q005C	AOC DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT08
(9)	Q140C	AOC DEVELOPMENT TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(10)	Q028C	AOC TECHNICAL TEAM MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(11)	Q136C	AOC INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE IT07
(12)	Q139C	AOC IT SECURITY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(13)	Q190C	AOC PROJECT MANAGER II	3	GRADE IT06
(14)	Q142C	AOC SOFTWARE ENGINEER	4	GRADE IT06
(15)	Q049C	AOC TECHNICAL ANALYST	3	GRADE IT06
(16)	Q101C	AOC WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT06
(17)	Q135C	AOC BUSINESS ANALYST	4	GRADE IT05
(18)	Q191C	AOC DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
(19)	Q189C	AOC PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT04
(20)	Q138C	AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE LEAD	1	GRADE GS10
(21)	Q068C	AOC APPLICATIONS SPECIALIST	8	GRADE GS09
(22)	Q137C	AOC QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(23)	Q113C	AOC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS06
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43	

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Judicial Fine Collection Enhancement Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$2,813,082
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	867,105
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,250,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	801,590
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$6,806,777

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court automation system of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$150,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$150,000

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DISTRICT JUDGES & CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the District Court Judge and District Court Clerk Education Fund, for operating expenses for the purpose of providing continuing education to District Court Judges and District Court Clerks by the Administrative Office of the Courts - District Court Judges & Clerks Continuing Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$100,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$120,000

SECTION 15. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement - Federal for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	Q047C	AOC CIP DATA ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(2)	Q056C	AOC CIP PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Improvement - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$130,430
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	40,235
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	350,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	COURT TECHNOLOGY GRANTS	200,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$1,000,665

SECTION 17. REGULAR SALARIES - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	Q121C	AOC DIRECTOR ACCESS & VISITATION	1	GRADE GS05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ACCESS & VISITATION MEDIATION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Access & Visitation Mediation - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$33,929
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,885
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	85,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$141,814

SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security Grants for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	Q133C	AOC DIR OF SEC & EMER PREPAREDNESS	1	GRADE GS10
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - COURT SECURITY GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and security grants of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Security Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	$65,628
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,214
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04)	SECURITY GRANTS	250,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$368,842

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the County Juror Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursing Arkansas counties for the costs of jurors by the Administrative Office of the Courts - County Juror Reimbursement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

(01)	COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENTS	$850,000

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - COURT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Management Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$25,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$25,000

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Stop Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$12,660
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$15,160

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - USDOT CASE MANAGEMENT. There is hereby

appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses for the US Department of Transportation Case Management Program of the Administrative Office of the Courts - USDOT Case Management for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$484,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$484,000

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - COURT INTERPRETERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses associated with fees from Court Interpreter candidates and interpreter fees ordered by judges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$10,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$25,000

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Specialty Court Program Fund, for costs associated with the Specialty

Court Program and providing assistance and support to the Specialty Court Advisory Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM	$300,000

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE DRUG COURT DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other associated costs of developing and implementing a statewide case and data management system for Juvenile Drug Courts of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Juvenile Drug Court Data Management System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$400,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
	(C) PROF. FEES	0
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$400,000

SECTION 28. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE AWARENESS & RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN - CASA. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - State Awareness & Recruitment Campaign - CASA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2020-2021
(1)	P065C	AOC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS07

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 1

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - CASA PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Arkansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Program Fund, for operating expenses and grants to local CASA programs statewide of the Administrative Office of the Courts - CASA Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	CASA PROGRAM EXPENSES	$10,000

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - COURT AUTOMATION - ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and other costs associated with the state court automation system by the Administrative Office of the Courts - Court Automation - Enhancement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	COURT AUTOMATION EXPENSES	$1,200,000

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Drug Court Enhancement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	$27,102
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	51,898

(C) PROF. FEES	21,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	$100,000

SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. Federal funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the United States Department of Transportation from safety incentive funds received under 23 USC Section 402 for the "State and Community Highway Safety Program" may be granted to the Administrative Office of the Courts and deposited into the State Central Services Fund to reimburse expenditures by the Administrative Office of the Courts for operating expenses of the Continuing Education Program for District Judges as appropriated in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation herein. The appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts provided in the District Judges Continuing Education - State appropriation may be expended only in the event that federal funds have been granted and will be transferred from the Arkansas State Police to reimburse the Continuing Education Program for District Judges.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CONTRACTING WITH STATE ATTORNEYS. The Administrative Office of the Courts Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation shall have the authority to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with any qualified attorney who at any time previously served as a State Attorney and was paid by the State as a state employee prior to being appointed to provide representation in the dependency-neglect cases by a Circuit Judge. In addition, the Division shall have the authority to enter into a professional services contract with a qualified person who is serving as a part-time Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney and paid as an employee of the State of Arkansas when the Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney has been appointed to provide Dependency-Neglect Services by a Circuit Judge. The part-time Public

Defender or other part-time State Attorney shall be eligible for additional compensation which shall not be construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the grade of that position when the Administrative Office of the Courts reimburses the part-time Public Defender or other part-time State Attorney for Dependency-Neglect Representation services performed. This does not prevent the Administrative Office of the Courts from contracting with any qualified attorney in the state.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT REPRESENTATION APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall receive approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to transfer funds and appropriations between line items Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expense, Professional Fees and Attorney Ad Litem Fees/Reimbursements of the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation herein for the payment of employees and/or contractors providing legal services for the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent

jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer funds, from time to time, from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund in such amounts as are required to reimburse the State Central Services Fund for a portion of the expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts - Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING. Funds received by the Arkansas State Police from the Department of Transportation from the safety incentive funds received under P.L. 105-178, title I, Section 1404(a), 23 USC Section 163 for "Safety Incentives to Prevent Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons" may be transferred to the Administrative Office of the Courts as directed by the Arkansas State Police for operating expenses of the District Court State Automation System.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MONTHLY INSTALLMENT. From July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 20, ~~2020~~ 2021, a lump sum monthly installment of at least one-twelfth (1/12) of a portion of the annual appropriation provided for in the Division of Dependency-Neglect Representation appropriation of this Act, or so much thereof as may be made available, shall be provided from the State Administration of Justice Fund to the State Central Services Fund to provide a portion of the funds for that appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation of the Administrative Office of the Courts in this Act to any other line item authorized in Court Automation Appropriation.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Administrative Office of the Courts may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 9-27-327(a)(4), concerning adjudication hearings held under the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(C)(i) The court may continue an adjudication hearing beyond the sixty-day limitation provided in subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this section in extraordinary circumstances.

(ii) As used in this subdivision (a)(4)(C),

"extraordinary circumstances" includes without limitation the following circumstances:

(a) The Supreme Court orders the suspension of in-person court proceedings; and

(b) One (1) of the following has occurred:

(1) The President of the United States has declared a national emergency; or

(2) The Governor has declared a state of emergency or a statewide public health emergency.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 9-27-338(c)(3)(C), concerning permanency planning hearings held under the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

(C)(i) Placement of the juvenile in the home of the parent, guardian, or custodian shall occur within a time frame consistent with the juvenile's developmental needs but no later than three (3) months from the date of the permanency planning hearing.

(ii) The court may authorize a plan to place custody of a juvenile with a parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile despite finding that placement of the juvenile in the home of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the juvenile may not occur within the three-month period required under subdivision (c)(3)(C)(i) of this section if the plan is in the best interest of the child during extraordinary circumstances.

(iii) As used in this subdivision (c)(3)(C), "extraordinary circumstances" includes without limitation the following circumstances:

(a) The Supreme Court orders the suspension of in-person court proceedings; and

(b) One (1) of the following has occurred:

(1) The President of the United States has declared a national emergency; or

(2) The Governor has declared a state of emergency or a statewide public health emergency;

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 9-27-341(d), concerning termination of parental rights and definitions under the

Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) The court shall conduct and complete a termination of parental rights hearing within ninety (90) days from the date the petition for termination of parental rights is filed unless continued for good cause as articulated in the written order of the court.

(2)(A) The court may continue a termination of parental rights hearing for up to one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the petition for termination of parental rights is filed in extraordinary circumstances.

(B) As used in this subdivision (d)(2), "extraordinary circumstances" includes without limitation the following circumstances:

(i) The Supreme Court orders the suspension of in-person court proceedings; and

(ii) One (1) of the following has occurred:

(a) The President of the United States has declared a national emergency; or

(b) The Governor has declared a state of emergency or a statewide public health emergency.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Retroactivity.

Sections 39 through 41 of this act apply retroactively to cases that are pending as of the effective date of Sections 39 through 41 of this act.

SECTION *43*. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION *44*. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 45. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the exception that Sections 39 through 42 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the event of an extension of the Legislative Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs, with the exception that Sections 39 through 42 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval because it is found and determined by the General Assembly that the Governor has declared a public health emergency due to the spread of an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); that public guidance from federal and state health officials strongly discourages gatherings of more than ten (10) individuals at this time to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Arkansas citizens; and that this act is immediately necessary to allow juvenile proceedings to occur in a time and manner that aligns with public health guidance and ensures the health, safety, and welfare of all parties. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020; with the exception that Sections 39 through Section 42 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

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