# 2017 - 2019 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

## 0710 DHS - Director's Office/Office of Chief Counsel

#### **ACT#: 268**

#### SECTION#: 15

### **CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

# AGENCY REQUEST

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE/OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL - PURCHASE OF EVIDENCE. Upon approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Chief Counsel for the Department of Human Services may transfer an amount up to but not to exceed \$12,000 and deposit same in a bank account for the purpose of purchasing evidence in the course of investigating the illegal use of food stamps/Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. The funds so transferred shall be subject to accounting in a manner substantially similar to that employed by the Arkansas State Police for such transactions; provided however, that information tending to identify participants in such transactions shall be exempt from the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  $\frac{2016}{2017}$  through June 30,  $\frac{2017}{2018}$ .