

2025 - 2027 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

0023 Administrative Office of the Courts

ACT#: 162

SECTION#: 33

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
<p>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.</p> <p>The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 <u>2025</u> through June 30, 2025 <u>2026</u>.</p>	<p>NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION</p>

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<p>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.</p> <p>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,</p>	<p>NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION</p>

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<p>this entire section is void.</p> <p>The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 <u>2025</u> through June 30, 2025 <u>2026</u>.</p>	

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<p>MONTHLY INSTALLMENT. From July 1, 2024 <u>2025</u> through June 20, 2025 <u>2026</u>, 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.</p> <p>The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 <u>2025</u> through June 30, 2025 <u>2026</u>.</p>	<p>NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION</p>

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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 <u>2025</u> through June 30, 2025 <u>2026</u>.</p>	<p>NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION</p>

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<p>FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY JUROR REIMBURSEMENT. (i) After receiving prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee if meeting in a Legislative Session, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation to the County Juror Reimbursement appropriation and State Central Services funding in the same amount to the County Juror Reimbursement Fund from any State Central Services Fund appropriation authorized for the Administrative Office of the Courts.</p> <p>(ii) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and 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, if meeting in a Legislative Session, 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.</p>	<p>NO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION</p>

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<p>(iii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 <u>2025</u> through June 30, 2025 <u>2026</u>.</p>	