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A Bill

SENATE BILL 51

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR
MEDICAL SCIENCES APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2024-2025 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 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Medical Center CEO	1	\$664,416
(2)	Chancellor	1	\$468,469
(3)	Provost	1	\$452,216
(4)	Vice Chancellor	12	\$382,179
(5)	Associate Provost	3	\$373,904



(6)	Associate Vice Chancellor	11	\$373,903
(7)	Dean	8	\$373,903
(8)	Executive Associate Dean	6	\$366,114
(9)	Campus Director	28	\$342,745
(10)	Associate Dean	18	\$327,165
(11)	Assistant Vice Chancellor	16	\$311,586
(12)	Assistant Provost	3	\$311,585
(13)	Assistant Dean	11	\$280,427
(14)	Area Director	8	\$236,497
(15)	Director Poison & Drug Information	1	\$235,969
(16)	Compliance Officer	46	\$216,552
(17)	Divisional/Departmental Management Pool	864	
	Executive Divisional Director		\$288,217
	Divisional Director		\$249,269
	Associate Divisional Director		\$202,531
	Assistant Divisional Director		\$179,162
	Departmental Director		\$179,162
	Assoc. Departmental Director		\$163,583
	Departmental Manager		\$157,351
	Asst. Departmental Director		\$132,424
	Asst. Departmental Manager		\$117,480
(18)	Project/Program Administrator	1,129	
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$162,192
	Project/Program Director		\$131,541
	Project/Program Manager		\$119,203
	Project/Program Specialist		\$102,848
	Executive Assistant		\$94,619
(19)	Kids First / Headstart Pool	78	
	Social Services Consultant		\$123,229
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant III		\$123,229
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant II		\$105,647
	Early Childhood Spec. Educator II		\$105,573
	Site Manager I		\$102,848
	Certified Classroom Teacher		\$97,681
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant I		\$96,421
	Pediatric Motor Development Consult.		\$93,071

	RN Clinical Coordinator		\$91,659
	Early Childhood Spec. Educator I		\$85,980
	Family Enrichment Specialist I		\$74,251
(20)	Biological Safety Officer	4	\$103,015
(21)	Fiscal Support Pool	50	
	Fiscal Support Manager		\$89,227
	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$73,338
	Accountant II		\$70,518
	Accountant I		\$67,806
	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$65,197
	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$57,961
	Accounting Technician		\$53,587
	Fiscal Support Technician		\$49,544
(22)	Public Safety Pool	82	
	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$87,425
	Director Public Safety I		\$85,795
	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$84,063
	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$80,829
	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$71,858
	Public Safety Officer		\$69,094
	Public Safety Officer II		\$63,881
	Security Officer Supervisor		\$60,279
	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$54,605
	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$45,806
	Parking Control Supv.		\$45,806
	Security Officer		\$45,806
	Parking Control Officer		\$44,045
	Watchman		\$37,650
(23)	Computer Support Specialist	8	\$77,721
(24)	Database Analyst	10	\$77,721
(25)	Information Systems Coord. Spec.	3	\$77,721
(26)	Department Business Coordinator	28	\$76,272
(27)	Digital Broadcast Specialist	1	\$74,731
(28)	Skilled Trades Pool	169	
	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$71,858
	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$69,094

	Skilled Tradesman		\$66,436
	Skilled Trades Helper		\$50,486
	Apprentice Tradesman		\$44,882
(29)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	7	\$67,806
(30)	Print Shop Manager	1	\$67,806
(31)	Computer Support Technician	7	\$66,436
(32)	Administrative Support Pool	367	
	Administrative Assistant		\$65,197
	Administrative Analyst		\$65,197
	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$60,279
	Administrative Specialist III		\$57,961
	Administration Support Specialist		\$57,961
	Administrative Specialist II		\$51,526
	Administrative Support Specialist		\$51,526
	Administrative Specialist I		\$45,806
	Extra Help Assistant		\$37,650
(33)	Maintenance Supervisor	9	\$65,197
(34)	Computer Operator	8	\$63,881
(35)	Institutional Printer	7	\$62,690
(36)	Inventory Control Manager	5	\$60,279
(37)	Medical Billing Specialist	64	\$60,279
(38)	Public Information Technician	9	\$60,279
(39)	Medical Records Technician	11	\$57,961
(40)	Food Preparation Supervisor	28	\$55,731
(41)	Storeroom Supervisor	9	\$55,731
(42)	Patient Account Specialist	11	\$51,526
(43)	Cashier	55	\$49,544
(44)	Inventory Control Technician	14	\$49,544
(45)	Housekeeper	25	\$47,639
(46)	Child Care Technician	183	\$44,045
(47)	Mail Services Assistant	7	\$44,045
(48)	Caregiver	20	\$42,351
(49)	Cook	45	\$42,351
(50)	Institutional Services Assistant	108	\$40,722
(51)	Food Preparation Technician	85	\$39,156

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL

<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
(52)	Faculty Pool	1,551	
	Distinguished Professor		\$549,670
	Professor		\$380,022
	Associate Professor		\$348,353
	Assistant Professor		\$329,352
	Instructor		\$261,093
	Research Instructor		\$261,093
	Research Professor		\$230,455
	Family Practice Coordinator		\$230,248
	Associate Family Practice Coord.		\$223,993
	Associate Research Professor		\$217,752
	Assistant Family Practice Coord.		\$211,481
	Assistant Research Professor		\$205,597
(53)	Department Chairperson	30	\$544,698
(54)	Educational Support Pool	297	
	Instructional Dev. Specialist II		\$169,914
	Education Coordinator		\$166,582
	Clinic Instructor		\$145,290
	Instructional Dev. Specialist I		\$137,799
	Educational Dev. Specialist I		\$109,527
	Clinic Assistant Instructor		\$103,910
(55)	Library Pool	24	
	Librarian		\$150,717
	Senior Librarian Assistant		\$131,354
	Associate Librarian		\$131,353
	Assistant Librarian		\$118,433
	Library Supervisor		\$65,197
	Library Specialist		\$55,731
	Library Technician		\$51,526
	Library Support Assistant		\$47,639
(56)	Research Support Pool	427	
	Research Associate		\$137,799
	Post Doctoral Fellow		\$118,432
	Senior Research Assistant		\$111,714
	Biostatistician		\$108,895

	Research Technologist		\$76,272
	Research Project Analyst		\$70,518
	Graduate Assistant		\$55,601
	Research Technician		\$51,526
(57)	Resident	160	\$97,065
(58)	Pharmacy Resident	17	\$93,413
(59)	Trainee	9	\$35,563
	<u>PATIENT CARE POSITIONS</u>		
(60)	Medical Services	408	
	Clinic Director		\$307,409
	Director of Pharmacy		\$242,861
	Asst. Dir. of Pharmacy		\$232,622
	Director of University Hospital		\$216,568
	Assoc. Adm. Patient Care		\$212,779
	Patient Care Administrator		\$212,277
	Clinical Laboratory Manager		\$211,797
	Associate Director of Hospital		\$195,511
	Clinical Services Manager		\$187,414
	Assistant Director of Hospital		\$176,561
	Biomedical Instrument Engineer		\$169,914
	Poison Control Specialist		\$162,754
	Director of Clinic Nursing		\$158,057
	Asst. Adm. Patient Care		\$152,183
	Director of Medical Records		\$146,669
	Hospital Financial Manager		\$140,989
	Biomedical Equipment Tech II		\$137,799
	Medical Services Admin.		\$127,957
	Research/Clinical Programs Manager		\$124,986
	Manager Medical Ancillary Services		\$104,783
	Biomedical Equipment Tech I		\$103,909
	Clinical Interpreter		\$103,015
	Medical Services Mgr.		\$98,031
	RN Clinical Coordinator		\$91,659
	Lab Mgr. Adm.		\$90,523
	Dietician		\$70,518
	Medical Diagnostic Analyst		\$60,279

	Hospital Program Services Asst.		\$53,587
	Dietetic Technician		\$51,526
	Hospital Technician		\$51,526
(61)	Nursing Services	3,226	
	Senior Nurse Anesthetist		\$262,562
	Registered Nurse IV		\$187,414
	Nurse Anesthetist		\$196,458
	Physician Assistant		\$175,247
	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse		\$171,160
	Specialty Registered Nurse		\$171,160
	Registered Nurse III		\$155,492
	Certified Nurse Practitioner III		\$150,019
	Clinical Nursing Specialist II		\$140,763
	Head Nurse		\$140,763
	Nurse In-Service Instructor		\$130,532
	Clinical Nursing Specialist I		\$130,532
	Certified Nurse Practitioner II		\$130,451
	Registered Nurse II		\$122,731
	Registered Nurse I		\$115,968
	Medical Assistant		\$112,719
	Certified Nurse Practitioner I		\$108,952
	LPN II		\$88,027
	Nursing Unit Coordinator		\$80,591
	Patient Services Associate		\$73,654
	LPN I		\$71,292
	Patient Care Technician		\$57,477
	Certified Nursing Assistant		\$51,526
(62)	Medical Ancillary Support	1,714	
	Pharmacy Specialist		\$226,447
	Pharmacist III		\$222,585
	Pharmacist II		\$215,376
	Pharmacist I		\$187,165
	Medical Imaging Electrical Engineer		\$176,860
	Audiologist		\$165,204
	Certified Technologist III		\$143,022
	Medical Technologist III		\$141,927

	Registered Dietitian		\$140,976
	Nutritionist		\$140,274
	Clinical Laboratory Supv.		\$130,973
	Respiratory Therapist Supervisor		\$122,733
	Clinical Technician III		\$122,731
	X-Ray Technician III		\$117,205
	Special Procedures Technician		\$112,718
	Certified Procedure Coding Spec.		\$112,718
	Medical Technologist II		\$111,246
	Certified Technologist II		\$108,952
	X-Ray Technician II		\$104,375
	Certified Technologist I		\$102,331
	Medical Technologist I		\$101,525
	Med Lab Technician		\$98,444
	Clinical Technician II		\$95,832
	X-Ray Technician I		\$91,537
	Lab Technician III		\$75,738
	Clinical Technician I		\$74,675
	Point of Service Coordinator		\$74,675
	Health Information Svs. Analyst II		\$51,867
	Health Information Svs. Analyst I		\$45,385
	Laboratory Assistant		\$40,722
(63)	Rehabilitation Therapy Pool	148	
	Dir. of Rehabilitation Services		\$175,826
	Dir. of Occupational Therapy		\$152,893
	Dir. of Physical Therapy		\$152,893
	Physical Therapist		\$139,507
	Occupational Therapist		\$132,949
	Speech Therapist		\$132,949
	Physical Therapist Assistant		\$117,480
(64)	Psychiatry Pool	165	
	Mental Health Professional II		\$118,434
	Mental Health Professional I		\$111,715
	Health Services Specialist II		\$53,587
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11,861	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the 2024-2025 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: six hundred twenty-five (625) 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. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP - UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL PRN POOL. There is hereby authorized for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the following number of part-time or temporary positions, to be known as "PRN Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein, for the purpose of employing RN's and LPN's in a Nursing PRN Pool; four hundred ten (410), when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed the rate of pay for comparable positions authorized by this Act. If the agency requests continuation of a "PRN Extra Help" position(s) as established herein during the next fiscal year, the extra help position(s) must be requested as a new extra help position(s) in the agency's budget request.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP - UAMS TEMPS. There is hereby authorized for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the following number of part-time or temporary positions, to be known as "UAMS TEMPS/EXTRA HELP", payable from funds appropriated herein, for the purpose of employing qualified individuals in a UAMS Temporary Pool: five hundred thirty (530), when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed the rate of pay for comparable positions authorized by this Act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,539,654
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	17,709,805
(03) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	1,193,320
(04) TEXARKANA AHEC	261,659
(05) POISON & DRUG INFO CENTER	828,587
(06) ADDITIONAL AHEC SUPPORT	2,408,643
(07) GRANTS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, REGULAR SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR INDIGENT CARE	<u>6,136,368</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$141,078,036</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,100,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000,000
(03) OVERTIME	20,000,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	275,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	705,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000,000
(C) PROF. FEES	45,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000,000

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150,000,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	50,000,000
(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS	40,000,000
(09) CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT	250,000
(10) WAR MEMORIAL PARKING FEES	50,000
(11) INDIGENT CARE & BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM GRANTS/AID	10,000,000
(12) PHARMACY STUDENT LOANS	<u>550,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,520,850,000</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - NURSING LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for loans and/or scholarships of the Rural Advanced Nursing Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Program and the Advanced Nursing Practice Community Match Student Loan and Scholarship Program, all as may be authorized by law, of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	\$150,000
(02) RURAL ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for loans and/or scholarships of the Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Program and the Community Match Student Loan and Scholarship Program, all as

may be authorized by law, of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	\$300,000
(02) COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$450,000</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - BREAST CANCER RESEARCH. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Breast Cancer Research Fund, for allocation to the Breast Cancer Research Program for the awarding of grants, chairs and contracts to researchers for research with respect to the cause, cure, treatment, prevention and earlier detection of breast cancer and for developing leadership in research in Arkansas, as may be authorized by law, of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,194,216</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for providing additional support for the Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center and support for Disease State Management of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARKANSAS POISON & DRUG INFORMATION CENTER	\$139,959
(02) SUPPORT FOR DISEASE STATE MANAGEMENT	<u>160,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$299,959</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - BREAST CANCER RESEARCH - SUSAN G. KOMEN. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Breast Cancer Research Fund, from proceeds of the design use contribution from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Education, Research, and Awareness License Plate, for expenses of the Arkansas Cancer Research Center Breast Program and grants to the Arkansas affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) ARKANSAS CANCER RESEARCH CENTER BREAST PROGRAM FOR BREAST CANCER EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND RESEARCH EXPENSES AND GRANTS TO THE ARK. AFFILIATE OF THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PROGRAMS AND GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Domestic Peace Fund, for operations of domestic violence shelter programs and statewide grants to domestic violence shelters by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PROGRAMS	\$6,100,000

(02) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER GRANTS	<u>1,050,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>7,150,000</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for child abuse and neglect expenses and grants of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GRANTS TO STATE AGENCIES, CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS, CHILD SAFETY CENTERS, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	<u><u>\$1,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants of the Building Effective Services for Trauma programs for children and adolescents by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE EXPENSES FOR TRAINING, TREATMENT, COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, & PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,393,325
(02) DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS EXPENSES FOR TRAINING, TREATMENT, & ADVOCATE EDUCATION	521,951

(03) DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS EXPENSES FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION, CONSULTATION, EDUCATION, & TRAINING	<u>208,781</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,124,057</u></u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, maintenance and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Poison and Drug Information Center of the College of Pharmacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) POISON & DRUG INFORMATION CENTER PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - UAMS - HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Healthcare Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS	\$3,891,247
(02) ARKANSAS HEALTH DATA INITIATIVE	802,879
(03) UAMS NORTHWEST ARK. MEDICAL SCHOOL	<u>3,434,664</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,128,790</u></u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS COMMISSION FOR THE NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative Fund, for personal services and operating

expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD INITIATIVE PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$546,000</u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, travel, grants and contracts of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$250,000</u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND RESEARCH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, programmatic and other costs associated with the research and screening of colorectal cancer by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2024-2025</u>
(01) COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING & RESEARCH	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,

to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of establishing and operating Sickle Cell Clinics and Outreach Efforts of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Adult Sickle Cell Disease Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM INITIATIVE PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$379,993</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the certified nurse midwifery program of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<i><u>NO.</u></i>	<i><u>2024-2025</u></i>
<i>(01) CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES</i>	<i><u>\$500,000</u></i>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - WINTHROP P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences National Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,503,906

(02) OVERTIME	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,181,094
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	300,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,000,000
(06) WPRCI CONNECT NURSE NAVIGATION	
PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>1,350,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,350,000</u></u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - PANS/PANDAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - PANS/PANDAS Clinic and Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	
OF PANS/PANDAS CLINIC AND PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$175,000</u></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - RURAL BROADBAND GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund, for rural broadband grants by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Institute for Digital Health and Innovation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) RURAL BROADBAND GRANTS	<u><u>\$5,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BREAST MILK BANK. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Breast Milk Bank Special Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Breast Milk Bank for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) ARKANSAS BREAST MILK BANK PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$1,700,000</u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH INNOVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Institute for Community Health Innovation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH INNOVATION PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$6,955,000</u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - MATERNAL HEALTH WORKFORCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health Workforce Trust Fund, for financial aid and programs in education and training for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health Workforce for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

<i>ITEM NO.</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025</i>
<i>(01) MATERNAL HEALTH WORKFORCE FINANCIAL AID AND PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXPENSES</i>	<u><i>\$2,000,000</i></u>

SECTION 28. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings - Maternal Health Workforce.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Arkansas faces significant challenges in maternal health as the highest-ranking state in infant and maternal mortality;

(2) Data from the National Center for Health Statistics and the Department of Health indicates that the state's maternal mortality rate is forty-three point five (43.5) per one hundred thousand (100,000) births compared to a national average of twenty-three point five (23.5) per one hundred thousand (100,000) births based on our most recent data in ending in 2021;

(3) Additionally, disparities exist within the state even when accounting for chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity, as rural areas often have very limited or no access to maternal healthcare services;

(4) In 2021, three hundred nine (309) infants in Arkansas died before reaching their first birthdays, and there was an infant mortality rate of eight point six (8.6) per one thousand (1,000) live births compared to a national average of five point four (5.4) per one thousand (1,000);

(5) In 2002, one (1) in nine (9) babies was born preterm and one (1) in eleven (11) babies was born low birthweight;

(6) In an average week, out of one thousand three hundred sixty-nine (1,369) babies born, only four hundred ninety-four (494) women receive adequate prenatal care;

(7) Arkansas faces a stark reality that forty-five and three-tenths percent (45.3%) of its counties are maternity care deserts compared to thirty-two and six-tenths percent (32.6%) nationally;

(8) This shortage of maternal health providers, especially in rural areas, leads to delayed or inadequate prenatal care and heightens the risks for both mothers and infants;

(9) Expanding the maternal health workforce is imperative;

(10) With better access to care, pregnant women can receive timely interventions for high-risk pregnancies, reducing adverse outcomes, and reducing low birthweight and preterm deliveries;

(11) Moreover, a well-trained workforce can offer vital prenatal

education, fostering healthier pregnancies and births;

(12) Investing in recruiting and retaining maternal health professionals is key in saving Arkansas women and babies;

(13) By providing better care, Arkansas can not only save on healthcare costs but also bolster its workforce and economy; and

(14) Prioritizing these initiatives will fortify Arkansas's healthcare system and ensure equitable access for all.

SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 11, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-5-1160. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health Workforce Trust Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to be known as the "University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health Workforce Trust Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) Moneys obtained from private grants or other sources that are designated to be credited to the fund; and

(2) Any other funds authorized or provided by law.

(c)(1) The fund shall be used by University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences solely to open and offer programs in education and training, including without limitation:

(A) Obstetrician-gynecologist residencies and fellowships;

(B) Family practice obstetrician fellowships;

(C) Nursing Midwife certifications;

(D) Doula certifications;

(E) Maternal community health worker training; and

(F) Maternal therapist certifications.

(2) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall prioritize spending and allocating funds in a manner to maximize impact of the expanded maternal health workforce considering the recommendations of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

(d) Funds may be allocated to student financial aid in the form of scholarships and loans for students who agree to:

(1) Participate in programs offered by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

(2) Practice in the State of Arkansas for at least two (2) years.

(e) The Treasurer of State shall invest the moneys available in the fund.

(f)(1) The investment of funds under this section is exempt from § 19-3-518(a)(2)(B)(i)(b) and (c).

(2) Moneys in the fund may be invested in any instrument:

(A) Listed in § 19-3-518(b)(1)(B); and

(B) Approved by the guidelines established by the State Treasury investment policy approved by the State Board of Finance.

(g) Moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall carry forward and be made available for the purposes stated in this section in the next fiscal year.

(h)(1) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall submit a semiannual report containing the following information to the Governor; the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee; the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor; and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor:

(A) The balance of the fund as of the reporting date;

(B) A list of the administrative costs paid for from the fund, including without limitation salaries, pensions, and packages;

(C) The total revenue received by the fund during the reporting period; and

(D) A detailed description of the steps taken and the progress made toward addressing the maternal health workforce needs of Arkansas during the reporting period.

(2) The semiannual report required under this subsection shall be submitted by January 1 and July 1 of each year.

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER NCI DESIGNATION TRUST FUND. (i) From time to time at the request of the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or his or her designee, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or

her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State funds from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund or from cash funds payable from the Appropriation – Cash Funds in this Act to the National Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund. (ii) No fund transfer authorized in subsection (i) herein shall be implemented until the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State has determined sufficient funding is available to be transferred, and the transfer has received prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or, if meeting in Regular or Fiscal Session, the Joint Budget Committee.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER GRANTS. The grants authorized in the Domestic Violence Shelter Programs and Grants appropriation section of this act shall be equally distributed to domestic violence shelters as determined by the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission. The Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in the Domestic Violence Shelter Programs and Grants appropriation section of this act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL SCHOOL LIMITATION. Nothing in this Act shall create an additional medical school in the State of Arkansas, but it recognizes that appropriations, funding and allocations in this Act may be used by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to support satellite campuses or programs outside the City of Little Rock in order to conduct or continue training of its medical, nursing, pharmacy and allied health students, as well as its medical residents.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND TRANSFER AUTHORIZED. Thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%), in each fiscal year, of the amounts made available to fund the appropriation in the Grants to Children's Hospital, Regular Salaries and Operating Expenses for Indigent Care line item of the Operations appropriation section of this Act shall be distributed to the Arkansas Children's Hospital or Arkansas Children's Hospital may request that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal year from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match federal funds used for supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DAY CARE. Of the funds appropriated in the Operations appropriation section of this Act, \$250,000 each year may be allocated as the State's portion of the operating cost of a Child Care Facility of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Individuals using this facility will be charged a daily rate as determined by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of the general revenue funds provided by this Act which remains at the close of a fiscal year, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of funded appropriations, shall be carried forward and made available for the same purposes for the next fiscal year.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

- (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement set

forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STIPENDS. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is hereby authorized to pay stipends to students engaged in post-graduate clinical training in accredited programs of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, from "Regular Salaries" or "Maintenance and General Operation", as follows:

	Maximum Number Of Positions	Annual Stipend
	2023-2024	2023-2024
	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Housestaff	710	
AHEC Housestaff	190	
1. Residents		\$69,179

2. Interns \$55,492

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GROWTH POOL". (a) The Arkansas Division of Higher Education shall establish and maintain for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year a pool of three hundred (300) non-classified positions. A position established under this section shall not exceed the salary rate of the highest maximum annual salary rate authorized by the General Assembly in the institution's appropriation act. These positions are to be used by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the event that the personal services needs of the University during the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year exceed the number of positions allocated to the University by the Legislature. The University shall provide justification to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for the need to allocate titles from this "growth pool". No classifications will be assigned to the pool until such time as specific positions are requested by the University, approved by the University Board or their designee, and approved by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Furthermore, the Arkansas Division of Higher Education shall establish and maintain for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year a pool of three hundred (300) career service positions up to a C130. These positions are to be used by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the event that the personal services needs of the University during the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year exceed the number of positions in a classification allocated to the University by the Legislature. The University shall provide justification to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for the need to allocate titles from this "growth pool". No classifications will be assigned to the pool until such time as specific positions are requested by the University, recommended by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education, and approved by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

(b) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying the job titles and

the maximum grade or salary attached to those salaries. The General Assembly has determined that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution. That flexibility is being accomplished by providing growth pools in subsection (a) of this section and since the General Assembly has granted the institution broad powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the growth pool by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the growth pool. Therefore, 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.

If the agency requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position(s) as established herein during the next fiscal year, the position(s) must be requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CHILD HEALTH AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE. The Child Health and Family Life Institute shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Children's Hospital. Arkansas Children's Hospital shall enter into a cooperative agreement and/or contract with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences-Department of Pediatrics for services required to deliver the programs of the Child Health and Family Life Institute (CHFLI). Utilizing a multidisciplinary collaboration of professionals, CHFLI shall provide a statewide effort to explore, develop and evaluate new and better ways to address medically, socially and economically interrelated health and developmental needs of children with special health care needs and their families. CHFLI priorities shall include, but are not limited to, wellness and prevention, screening and diagnosis, treatment and intervention, training and education and research and evaluation. Arkansas Children's Hospital and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences-Department of Pediatrics shall make annual reports to

the Arkansas Legislative Council on all matters of funding, existing programs and services offered through CHFLI.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PARKING FEES. On July 1 of each year the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall pay from the appropriation provided herein from non-general revenue, the total amount appropriated for War Memorial Parking Services from Fees to War Memorial.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISIONS. Because the Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Program Loans and/or Scholarships and the Community Match Student Loan and Scholarship Program Loans and/or Scholarships have the goal of providing primary care physicians in rural Arkansas, transfers may be made in such amounts as are required between the line items made in the appropriation for "Medical Loans and Scholarships".

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLINICAL EXPANSION AND RESEARCH POOL. (a) In order to address personnel needs emerging from expanding medical research and patient care issues and the necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified medical, research, and related support personnel, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or its successor is authorized for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year a pool of seven hundred (700) "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" positions. These positions are to be used by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the event that the personal services needs resulting from unanticipated clinical or research programs that are initiated during the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal

year require additional positions, either in title, in classification, or in number, that are not authorized or contemplated by the General Assembly in the Regular Salaries - Operations section of this Act.

(b) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is authorized to access the "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" positions authorized in this Section at any time during the fiscal year when it is determined by the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, subject to the review and approval by the Board of Trustees, that the need for additional positions exists. Only medical or research positions shall be established under this provision. The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall provide a quarterly report detailing the justification of allocation of positions from this "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education, and to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for review. The report shall also include an accounting of the names, titles and salaries of personnel who have been employed in positions established from this pool and the source and duration of funds associated with the positions.

(c) If the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences requests continuation of any "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" position(s) as established herein during the next fiscal year, the position(s) must be requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.

(d) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying job titles and the maximum grade or salary attached to those titles. The General Assembly has determined that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution. That flexibility is being accomplished by providing a position pool in Subsection (a) of this Section and since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the position pool by requiring review of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the position pool. Therefore, the requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of review 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, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ABUSED CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDING PROVISION. In the event the amount of general revenue distributed to the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund for the Department of Pediatrics and the Psychiatric Research Institute each fiscal year is at least equal to the amount distributed during the 2012-13 fiscal year, an amount not less than seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) shall be allocated and made available as follows: four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) each fiscal year shall be made available exclusively to support the purposes and goals to improve screening, monitoring and care for abused children and adolescents through the Child Safety Centers or the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences as referred by the Child Safety Centers. Maintenance of statewide screening and assessment protocols as well as evidence-based training of mental health professionals are to be considered critical components of the overall goals. For the provision of assessment and therapeutic services, these funds are to be provided to the Child Safety Centers through contracts from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The contracts will stipulate the terms of the agreement and reporting requirements; an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) may be utilized for administrative costs as may be necessary to administer the program or if determined not to be needed for administrative costs may be placed in reserve for future needs of the program. The remaining two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) shall be allocated and made available to the Department of Pediatrics for expenses for medical examinations, consultation, education and training as stipulated in the terms of agreement between the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the Department of Pediatrics.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction 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, 2024 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. 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, 2024.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 5/3/24