

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1267

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 - DONALD W. REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING, FAY W. BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, AND THE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER IN HELENA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UAMS - REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING, BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ARK. BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, & THE AREA HEALTH ED. CENTER IN HELENA APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING, BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, AND THE AREA HEALTH ED. CENTER - HELENA. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Reynolds Center on Aging, Boozman College of Public Health, Biosciences Institute, and Area Health Education Center - Helena for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Maximum No. of	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year
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No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
	<u>UAMS REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Project/Program Administrator	5	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
	Executive Assistant		\$99,405
(2)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(3)	Faculty Pool	19	
	Professor		\$243,519
	Associate Professor		\$224,720
	Assistant Professor		\$212,176
	Instructor		\$170,490
(4)	Education Coordinator	1	\$175,248
(5)	Senior Research Assistant	1	\$115,289
	<u>UAMS BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(6)	Dean	1	\$361,971
(7)	Associate Dean	1	\$244,970

(8)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
	Executive Assistant		\$99,405
(9)	Research Technologist	1	\$78,713
(10)	Administrative Support Pool	4	
	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(11)	Department Chairperson	5	\$256,072
(12)	Faculty Pool	6	
	Professor		\$243,519
	Associate Professor		\$224,720
	Assistant Professor		\$212,176
	<u>ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(13)	Director of Biosciences Institute	1	\$380,697
(14)	Research Technologist	6	\$78,713
(15)	Research Technician	4	\$53,175
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
(16)	Faculty Pool	24	
	Research Professor		\$237,829

	Associate Research Professor		\$224,718
	Assistant Research Professor		\$212,176
	Research Instructor		\$145,990
(17)	Post Doctoral Fellow	6	\$147,091
(18)	Graduate Assistant	4	\$57,379
<u>UAMS AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER - HELENA</u>			
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(19)	Project/Program Administrator	17	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
	Executive Assistant		\$99,405
(20)	Administrative Support Pool	2	
	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
(21)	Assistant Professor	1	\$206,357
(22)	Clinic Instructor	<u>1</u>	\$165,817
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	113	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DONALD W. REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,292,959
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	316,765
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	603,713
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,128
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	55,231
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,320,796</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FAY W. BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,561,276
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	564,670
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,195,946</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to

be payable from the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Biosciences Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,407,267
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	337,875
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,042,499
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	23,960
(C) PROF. FEES	37,940
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,434,680
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>1,896,736</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,180,957</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER IN HELENA.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Area Health Education Center in Helena for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,959
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	316,765
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	603,713
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,128
(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

\$2,235,565

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROGRAM. In any fiscal year, if the funds received by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the Arkansas Biosciences Institute in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute appropriation in this Act are less than the total amount appropriated, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall provide no less than thirty-three and one-third percent (33 and 1/3%) of the available funds for the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Program. Otherwise, the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Program line item appropriation in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute appropriation in this Act shall be funded in total or Arkansas Children's Hospital Chief Executive Officer may request that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal year from the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as provided by this act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the

Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

The General Assembly has determined that the institution in this act could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer between items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the institution broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the transfer authority. 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.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

(b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

(c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

(d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 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 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures 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 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 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 Initiated Act 1 of 2000, 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 12. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

**APPROVED: 2/13/25**