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A Bill

SENATE BILL 4

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE AND RELATED TECHNIQUES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, 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 Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$2,999
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0



(C) PROF. FEES	8,001
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,000</u></u>

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,400
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	566
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	14,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$31,966</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$480
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	37

(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,517</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1) PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS05
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$91,815
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	35,643
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500

(C) PROF. FEES	12,672
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$202,630</u></u>

SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
(1)	PHP02C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR II	1	GRADE SPC04
(2)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
(3)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling for the 2026-2027 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 8. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$225,143
(02) EXTRA HELP	4,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	84,472
(04) OVERTIME	12,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	113,800
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	11,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$454,415</u></u>

SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
No.	Code Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
(1)	PHPO1C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS05
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$155,097

(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	48,708
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	119,637
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,166
	(C) PROF. FEES	42,126
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$372,734</u></u>

SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,348
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,672
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$124,020</u></u>

SECTION 13. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1) PHPO1C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

SECTION 14. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians for the 2026-2027 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: one (1) 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 15. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Board of Dispensing Opticians' Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$49,750
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,200

(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,943
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	23,900
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>200</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$93,993</u></u>

SECTION 16. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the 2026-2027 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 17. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) EXTRA HELP	\$30,200
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,328
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	17,800
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	350

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,678</u></u>

SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Medical Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
No.	Code Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
(1)	PHP07C MEDICAL BOARD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC07
(2)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
(3)	CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07
(4)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
(5)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE SGS05
(6)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
(7)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
(8)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(9)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	16	GRADE SGS02
(10)	IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
(11)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	1	GRADE IST06
(12)	IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
(13)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	34	

SECTION 19. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Medical Board for the 2026-2027 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 20. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Medical Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,494,219
(02) EXTRA HELP	24,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	584,489
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,379,645
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,000
(C) PROF. FEES	21,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>7,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,530,353</u></u>

SECTION 21. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX25A NURSING BOARD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MED10
(2)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08
(3)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
(4)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
(5)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07

(6)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(7)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS06
(8)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
(9)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(10)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(11)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(12)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	8	GRADE SGS02
(13)	MNU04P NURSE PRACTITIONER	2	GRADE MED08
(14)	MNU07C REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE MED07
(15)	MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	5	GRADE MED05
(16)	IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
(17)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	33	

SECTION 22. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing for the 2026-2027 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: one (1) 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 23. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the State Board of Nursing Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,228,273
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	746,142
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,040,914

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	43,448
(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,066,777</u></u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - SCHOLAR LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Nursing Student Loan Program to make student loans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) NURSING STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - NURSING EDUCATION WORKSHOPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, 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 Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing - Nursing Education Workshops for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$14,325
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$16,325</u></u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - ARKANSAS

CENTER FOR NURSING GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the State Board of Nursing Fund, for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Center for Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) ARKANSAS CENTER FOR NURSING GRANT	<u>\$173,000</u>

SECTION 27. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - State Board of Optometry for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
(1)	PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - State Board of Optometry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$110,887
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	40,545
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	32,000

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	35,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$218,432</u></u>

SECTION 29. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
(1)	EEX28A PHARMACY BOARD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MED12
(2)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08
(3)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(4)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS05
(5)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
(6)	MPA02C PHARMACY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE MED11
(7)	MPA03P PHARMACY INSPECTOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE MED09
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

SECTION 30. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the 2026-2027 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: four (4) 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 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, to be payable from the cash fund deposited

in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,261,330
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	363,030
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	586,985
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	29,120
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	3,000
(06) IMPAIRED PHARMACIST PROGRAM	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,323,465</u></u>

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY - PHARMACY STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants to colleges of pharmacy in Arkansas for pharmacy student loans and scholarships of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) PHARMACY STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 33. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PHPO1C	HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$118,146
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	42,672
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	89,833
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	8,490
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$259,141</u></u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY - SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a scholarship program of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2026-2027
(01) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$200,000</u>

SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,800
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	138
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,052
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	250
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,240</u>

SECTION 37. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Psychology Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Psychology Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$93,090
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	37,222
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	61,540
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	24,727
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$219,579</u></u>

SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD - SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas Psychology Board, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for scholarships for psychology students pursuing training as psychological and neurological technicians for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 40. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Maximum Annual

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PHPO1C	HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 41. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 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: one (1) 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 42. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Social Work Licensing Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$116,308
(02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,609
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	7,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$219,417</u>

SECTION 43. REGULAR SALARIES - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PHPO1C	HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 44. EXTRA HELP - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2026-2027 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: one (1) 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 45. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$98,930
(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,482

(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

(A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,516
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,250
(C) PROF. FEES	12,800
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$216,978</u></u>

SECTION 46. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
No.	Code Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
(1)	PHP02C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR II	1	GRADE SPC04
(2)	SCM06P LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE SPC01
(3)	PHS05P HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(4)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(5)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
(6)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS02
(7)	MRE06P VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	2	GRADE MED04
(8)	MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	14	GRADE MED02
(9)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	<u>2026-2027</u>

(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,235,781
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	488,409
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	219,888
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,620
(C) PROF. FEES	19,065
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) LONG TERM ATTENDANT CARE	261,610
(05) SPINAL TREATMENT PROGRAM	<u>772,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,012,373</u></u>

SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,000</u></u>

SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - CASH - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, 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 Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,000</u></u>

SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of the available appropriation in the Professional Fees Line item of this act shall be made available to the board for the purpose of contracting an independent or private investigator for investigative services regarding complaints submitted by consumers.

(a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall contract with an outside investigator as needed to perform investigations and conduct inspections of alleged wrongdoing.

(2) An outside investigator contracted under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall have expertise or background in the subject matter in which he or she is being contracted to investigate.

(b) The duties of an investigator hired under this section shall include without limitation investigation and inspection of all complaints, as determined by the board, to determine whether a person has:

(1) Practiced his or her profession in such a way as to endanger the general health and welfare of the public; or

(2) Otherwise violated this chapter or rules of the board.

(c)(1) The board shall file a report annually on or before December 1 with the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs for the committees' review.

(2) The report shall include:

(A) The number of complaints that have been filed;

(B) A list of who has been investigated and the purported

violation; and

(C) A summary of the findings of each investigation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$15 from each licensed dentist licensed by the State Board of Dental Examiners each year to be paid by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued availability of skilled and highly trained dental professionals for the benefit of the public.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The State Medical Board is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$30 from each licensed physician licensed by the State Medical Board each year to be paid by the State Medical Board to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued availability of skilled and highly trained medical professionals for the benefit of the public.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS

STATE BOARD OF NURSING - FUNDING TRANSFER. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may request a fund transfer in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year from the State Board of Nursing Fund to the cash in State Treasury fund as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to provide funds for the Student Loan Program appropriation provided herein. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount requested shall be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$10 from each licensed podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine each year to be paid by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued availability of skilled and highly trained podiatric professionals for the benefit of the public.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - LINE ITEM TRANSFER. Any savings made in the State Appropriation may, after receiving advice and approval of the Department of Finance and Administration, be transferred to the Spinal Treatment Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 56. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall transfer annually the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or so much as is available, from the unobligated and unallocated monies remaining in the Arkansas State Medical Board's cash funds, to the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education's Graduate Medical Education Fund to be used exclusively for the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board appropriation.

SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 17-95-403(b)(3)(A)(iii)(c), concerning the qualifications for a license to practice medicine in this state, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If he or she has been offered full-time employment as a physician from a healthcare provider that operates in a medically underserved population or a federally designated area that is a medically underserved area, medically partially underserved area, or a primary care health professional shortage area in this state, he or she shall:

(1) Hold an active, unencumbered license to practice medicine in a foreign country;

(2) Have actively practiced medicine during the four-year period preceding the date of an application under this section;

(3) Have the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates evaluate his or her medical credentials;

(4) Hold an active, valid certificate issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and

(5) Pass the examination used by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.

SECTION 58. 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 59. 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 60. 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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 5/1/26