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A Bill

SENATE BILL 42

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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Medical Center CEO	1	\$707,619
(2)	Chancellor	1	\$498,931
(3)	Provost	1	\$481,621
(4)	Vice Chancellor	12	\$407,030



(5)	Associate Provost	3	\$398,217
(6)	Associate Vice Chancellor	11	\$398,216
(7)	Dean	8	\$398,216
(8)	Executive Associate Dean	6	\$389,920
(9)	Campus Director	28	\$365,031
(10)	Associate Dean	18	\$348,439
(11)	Assistant Vice Chancellor	16	\$331,847
(12)	Assistant Provost	3	\$331,846
(13)	Assistant Dean	11	\$298,662
(14)	Area Director	8	\$251,875
(15)	Director Poison & Drug Information	1	\$251,312
(16)	Compliance Officer	46	\$230,633
(17)	Divisional/Departmental Mgmt. Pool	864	
	Executive Divisional Director		\$306,958
	Divisional Director		\$265,477
	Associate Divisional Director		\$215,700
	Assistant Divisional Director		\$190,812
	Departmental Director		\$190,812
	Assoc. Departmental Director		\$174,219
	Departmental Manager		\$167,583
	Asst. Departmental Director		\$141,035
	Asst. Departmental Manager		\$125,119
(18)	Project/Program Administrator	1,129	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$213,928
	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$186,892
	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$172,738
	Project/Program Director		\$140,094
	Project/Program Manager		\$126,956
	Executive Assistant		\$118,680
	Project/Program Specialist		\$109,536
(19)	IT Pool	37	
	Network Engineer		\$207,404
	Information Systems Manager		\$133,122
	Computer Network Coordinator		\$132,901
	Technical Support Staff		\$126,956
	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$125,461

Coord., Administrative Computing	\$125,461
Coordinator of Information Tech.	\$123,806
Website Developer/Programmer	\$123,806
System Programmer/Web Developer	\$122,387
Computer Systems Mgr.	\$112,475
Database Administrator	\$110,019
Systems Administrator	\$108,925
Information Systems Security Spec.	\$106,894
Institution Information Tech Coord	\$104,736
Assistant Database Administrator	\$100,790
Computer Support Manager	\$100,708
Information Systems Coordinator	\$100,708
Senior Software Support Specialist	\$100,708
Systems Specialist	\$100,708
Information Technology Manager	\$99,493
Network Support Specialist	\$96,834
Senior Software Support Analyst	\$96,834
Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$95,330
Tech Support/Applications Support	\$95,330
Information Systems Business Mgr.	\$93,110
Security Analyst	\$93,110
Systems Analyst	\$93,110
Information Technology Specialist	\$91,166
Computer Support Coordinator	\$89,529
Software Support Analyst	\$89,529
Systems Applications Supervisor	\$89,529
Computer Operations Coordinator	\$86,085
Systems Coordination Analyst	\$86,085
PC Support Specialist	\$84,480
Computer Support Specialist	\$82,775
Database Analyst	\$82,775
Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$79,590
Network Support Analyst	\$79,590
Website Developer	\$79,590
Information Systems Analyst	\$76,530
Info Systems Security Analyst	\$76,530

	Computer Support Analyst		\$76,530
	Software Support Specialist		\$73,587
	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$73,587
	Media Specialist		\$72,215
	Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
	Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
	Computer Operator		\$68,035
	Network Analyst		\$68,035
	Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
	Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
	Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
	Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
	Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
(20)	Kids First / Headstart Pool	78	
	Social Services Consultant		\$131,242
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant III		\$131,242
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant II		\$112,516
	Early Childhood Spec. Educator II		\$112,437
	Site Manager I		\$109,536
	Certified Classroom Teacher		\$104,033
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant I		\$102,691
	Pediatric Motor Dev. Consult.		\$99,123
	RN Clinical Coordinator		\$97,619
	Early Childhood Spec. Educator I		\$91,570
	Family Enrichment Specialist I		\$79,079
(21)	Biological Safety Officer	4	\$109,713
(22)	Fiscal Support Pool	50	
	Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
	Accountant II		\$75,103
	Accountant I		\$72,215
	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
	Accounting Technician		\$57,071
	Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766

(23)	Public Safety Pool	82	
	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$93,110
	Director Public Safety I		\$91,374
	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$89,529
	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$86,085
	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$76,530
	Public Safety Officer		\$73,587
	Public Safety Officer II		\$68,035
	Security Officer Supervisor		\$64,199
	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$58,156
	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$48,785
	Parking Control Supv.		\$48,785
	Security Officer		\$48,785
	Parking Control Officer		\$46,909
	Watchman		\$40,098
(24)	Department Business Coordinator	28	\$81,232
(25)	Skilled Trades Pool	169	
	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$76,530
	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$73,587
	Skilled Tradesman		\$70,756
	Skilled Trades Helper		\$53,769
	Apprentice Tradesman		\$47,801
(26)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	7	\$72,215
(27)	Print Shop Manager	1	\$72,215
(28)	Administrative Support Pool	367	
	Administrative Assistant		\$69,437
	Administrative Analyst		\$69,437
	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$64,199
	Administrative Specialist III		\$61,729
	Administration Support Specialist		\$61,729
	Administrative Specialist II		\$54,877
	Administrative Support Specialist		\$54,877
	Administrative Specialist I		\$48,785
	Extra Help Assistant		\$40,098
(29)	Maintenance Supervisor	9	\$69,437
(30)	Institutional Printer	7	\$66,767

(31)	Inventory Control Manager	5	\$64,199
(32)	Medical Billing Specialist	64	\$64,199
(33)	Public Information Technician	9	\$64,199
(34)	Medical Records Technician	11	\$61,729
(35)	Storeroom Supervisor	9	\$59,355
(36)	Patient Account Specialist	11	\$54,877
(37)	Cashier	55	\$52,766
(38)	Inventory Control Technician	14	\$52,766
(39)	Housekeeper	25	\$50,737
(40)	Child Care Technician	183	\$46,909
(41)	Mail Services Assistant	7	\$46,909
(42)	Caregiver	20	\$45,105
(43)	Cook	45	\$45,105
(44)	Institutional Services Assistant	108	\$43,370

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL
ACADEMIC POSITIONS

(45)	Faculty Pool	1,551	
	Distinguished Professor		\$585,412
	Professor		\$404,732
	Associate Professor		\$371,005
	Assistant Professor		\$350,768
	Instructor		\$278,071
	Research Instructor		\$278,071
	Research Professor		\$245,440
	Family Practice Coordinator		\$245,219
	Associate Family Practice Coord.		\$238,558
	Associate Research Professor		\$231,911
	Assistant Family Practice Coord.		\$225,233
	Assistant Research Professor		\$218,966
(46)	Department Chairperson	30	\$580,117
(47)	Educational Support Pool	297	
	Instructional Dev. Specialist II		\$180,962
	Education Coordinator		\$177,413
	Clinic Instructor		\$154,737
	Instructional Dev. Specialist I		\$146,759
	Educational Dev. Specialist I		\$116,648

	Clinic Assistant Instructor		\$110,667
(48)	Library Pool	24	
	Librarian		\$160,517
	Senior Librarian Assistant		\$139,895
	Associate Librarian		\$139,894
	Assistant Librarian		\$126,133
	Library Supervisor		\$67,284
	Library Specialist		\$57,515
	Library Technician		\$53,175
	Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
(49)	Research Support Pool	427	
	Research Associate		\$146,760
	Post Doctoral Fellow		\$126,133
	Senior Research Assistant		\$118,979
	Biostatistician		\$115,976
	Research Technologist		\$81,232
	Research Project Analyst		\$75,103
	Graduate Assistant		\$59,216
	Research Technician		\$54,877
(50)	Resident	1,060	\$103,376
(51)	Pharmacy Resident	17	\$99,487
(52)	Trainee	9	\$37,875
	<u>PATIENT CARE POSITIONS</u>		
(53)	Medical Services	408	
	Clinic Director		\$327,398
	Director of Pharmacy		\$258,653
	Asst. Dir. of Pharmacy		\$247,748
	Director of University Hospital		\$230,650
	Assoc. Adm. Patient Care		\$226,615
	Patient Care Administrator		\$226,080
	Clinical Laboratory Manager		\$225,569
	Associate Director of Hospital		\$208,224
	Clinical Services Manager		\$199,601
	Assistant Director of Hospital		\$188,041
	Biomedical Instrument Engineer		\$180,963
	Poison Control Specialist		\$173,337

	Director of Clinic Nursing	\$168,334
	Asst. Adm. Patient Care	\$162,079
	Director of Medical Records	\$156,206
	Hospital Financial Manager	\$150,157
	Biomedical Equipment Tech II	\$146,759
	Medical Services Admin.	\$136,278
	Research/Clinical Programs Manager	\$133,114
	Manager Medical Ancillary Services	\$111,597
	Biomedical Equipment Tech I	\$110,666
	Clinical Interpreter	\$109,713
	Medical Services Mgr.	\$104,405
	RN Clinical Coordinator	\$97,619
	Lab Mgr. Adm.	\$96,409
	Dietician	\$75,103
	Medical Diagnostic Analyst	\$64,199
	Hospital Program Services Asst.	\$57,071
	Dietetic Technician	\$54,877
	Hospital Technician	\$54,877
(54)	Nursing Services	3,226
	Senior Nurse Anesthetist	\$279,635
	Nurse Anesthetist	\$209,232
	Registered Nurse IV	\$199,601
	Physician Assistant	\$186,643
	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	\$182,290
	Specialty Registered Nurse	\$182,290
	Registered Nurse III	\$165,603
	Certified Nurse Practitioner III	\$159,774
	Clinical Nursing Specialist II	\$149,916
	Head Nurse	\$149,916
	Nurse In-Service Instructor	\$139,020
	Clinical Nursing Specialist I	\$139,019
	Certified Nurse Practitioner II	\$138,934
	Registered Nurse II	\$130,712
	Registered Nurse I	\$123,508
	Medical Assistant	\$120,049
	Certified Nurse Practitioner I	\$116,037

	LPN II		\$93,751
	Nursing Unit Coordinator		\$85,832
	Patient Services Associate		\$78,444
	LPN I		\$75,928
	Patient Care Technician		\$61,214
	Certified Nursing Assistant		\$54,877
(55)	Medical Ancillary Support	1,714	
	Pharmacy Specialist		\$241,172
	Pharmacist III		\$237,058
	Pharmacist II		\$229,380
	Pharmacist I		\$199,335
	Medical Imaging Electrical Engineer		\$188,360
	Audiologist		\$175,947
	Certified Technologist III		\$152,322
	Medical Technologist III		\$151,156
	Registered Dietitian		\$150,143
	Nutritionist		\$149,395
	Clinical Laboratory Supv.		\$139,489
	Respiratory Therapist Supervisor		\$130,713
	Clinical Technician III		\$130,712
	X-Ray Technician III		\$124,826
	Special Procedures Technician		\$120,048
	Certified Procedure Coding Spec.		\$120,047
	Medical Technologist II		\$118,480
	Certified Technologist II		\$116,037
	X-Ray Technician II		\$111,162
	Certified Technologist I		\$108,985
	Medical Technologist I		\$108,126
	Med Lab Technician		\$104,845
	Clinical Technician II		\$102,064
	X-Ray Technician I		\$97,490
	Lab Technician III		\$80,663
	Clinical Technician I		\$79,530
	Point of Service Coordinator		\$79,530
	Health Information Svs. Analyst II		\$55,240
	Health Information Svs. Analyst I		\$48,337

	Laboratory Assistant		\$42,025
(56)	Rehabilitation Therapy Pool	148	
	Dir. of Rehabilitation Services		\$187,259
	Dir. of Occupational Therapy		\$162,834
	Dir. of Physical Therapy		\$162,834
	Physical Therapist		\$148,579
	Occupational Therapist		\$141,594
	Speech Therapist		\$141,594
	Physical Therapist Assistant		\$125,119
(57)	Psychiatry Pool	165	
	Mental Health Professional II		\$126,135
	Mental Health Professional I		\$118,979
	Health Services Specialist II		\$57,071
	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
(58)	Food Service Pool	113	
	Food Preparation Manager		\$66,767
	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$59,355
	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$52,766
	Food Preparation Specialist		\$45,105
	Food Preparation Technician		\$41,702
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12,761	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences 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 thousand five hundred sixty-five (1,565) 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. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,539,654
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	17,709,805
(03) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	1,193,320
(04) UAMS REGIONAL CAMPUSES	6,561,549
(05) POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER	1,828,587
(06) UAMS NORTHWEST ARK. MEDICAL SCHOOL	3,434,664
(07) GRANTS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, REGULAR SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR INDIGENT CARE	<u>6,136,368</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$149,403,947</u>

SECTION 4. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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>\$2,520,850,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NURSING/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 for rural nursing and advanced nursing match, rural medical practice and community match, all as may be authorized by law, of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	\$150,000
(02) RURAL ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
(03) RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	300,000
(04) COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$750,000</u></u>

SECTION 6. 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 education, outreach, research and grants related

to the cause, cure, treatment, prevention and earlier detection of breast cancer, for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM	
EXPENSES	<u>\$1,694,216</u>

SECTION 7. 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 providing additional support for the Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARKANSAS	
POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER	<u>\$299,959</u>

SECTION 8. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PROGRAMS	\$2,000,000
(02) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER GRANTS	<u>1,050,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,050,000</u>

SECTION 9. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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>\$1,000,000</u>

SECTION 10. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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>\$2,124,057</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UAMS - HEALTH DATA 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 - Health Data Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) ARKANSAS HEALTH DATA INITIATIVE	<u>\$802,879</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM. 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, 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$796,000</u>

SECTION 13. 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, 2027, the following:

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

(01) COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING & RESEARCH \$5,000,000

SECTION 14. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM INITIATIVE PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$379,993</u>

SECTION 15. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 16. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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>\$41,350,000</u>

SECTION 17. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF PANS/PANDAS CLINIC AND PROGRAMS	<u>\$175,000</u>

SECTION 18. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ARKANSAS BREAST MILK BANK PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$1,700,000</u>

SECTION 19. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) MATERNAL HEALTH WORKFORCE FINANCIAL AID AND PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXPENSES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - SANE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 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 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER PROGRAM	<u>\$950,780</u>

SECTION 21. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 22. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 23. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 24. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 25. 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, ~~2026~~ 2027 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 26. 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 ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year a pool of six hundred (600) 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 ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 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 titles 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.

(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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 27. 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, ~~2025~~

2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 28. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 29. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 30. 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 ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 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 ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 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, 2025

2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 31. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 32. 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 33. 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 34. 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.

APPROVED: 4/27/26