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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 128

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, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Medical Center CEO	1	\$685,678
(2)	Chancellor	1	\$483,460
(3)	Provost	1	\$466,687
(4)	Vice Chancellor	12	\$394,409
(5)	Associate Provost	3	\$385,869



(6)	Associate Vice Chancellor	11	\$385,868
(7)	Dean	8	\$385,868
(8)	Executive Associate Dean	6	\$377,829
(9)	Campus Director	28	\$353,712
(10)	Associate Dean	18	\$337,635
(11)	Assistant Vice Chancellor	16	\$321,557
(12)	Assistant Provost	3	\$321,556
(13)	Assistant Dean	11	\$289,401
(14)	Area Director	8	\$244,065
(15)	Director Poison & Drug Information	1	\$243,520
(16)	Compliance Officer	46	\$223,482
(17)	Divisional/Departmental Management Pool	864	
	Executive Divisional Director		\$297,440
	Divisional Director		\$257,245
	Associate Divisional Director		\$209,012
	Assistant Divisional Director		\$184,895
	Departmental Director		\$184,895
	Assoc. Departmental Director		\$168,817
	Departmental Manager		\$162,386
	Asst. Departmental Director		\$136,662
	Asst. Departmental Manager		\$121,239
(18)	Project/Program Administrator	1,129	
	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
(19)	IT Pool	37	
	Network Engineer		\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570

Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
Database Administrator	\$106,607
Systems Administrator	\$105,547
Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
Systems Specialist	\$97,585
Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
Security Analyst	\$90,223
Systems Analyst	\$90,223
Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
Database Analyst	\$80,208
Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
Website Developer	\$77,123
Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157

	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
	Media Specialist		\$69,975
	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
	Computer Operator		\$65,925
	Network Analyst		\$65,925
	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
(20)	Kids First / Headstart Pool	78	
	Social Services Consultant		\$127,172
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant III		\$127,172
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant II		\$109,027
	Early Childhood Spec. Educator II		\$108,951
	Site Manager I		\$106,139
	Certified Classroom Teacher		\$100,807
	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant I		\$99,507
	Pediatric Motor Development Consult.		\$96,050
	RN Clinical Coordinator		\$94,592
	Early Childhood Spec. Educator I		\$88,731
	Family Enrichment Specialist I		\$76,627
(21)	Biological Safety Officer	4	\$106,311
(22)	Fiscal Support Pool	50	
	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
	Accountant II		\$72,774
	Accountant I		\$69,975
	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
(23)	Public Safety Pool	82	

	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
	Security Officer		\$47,272
	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
	Watchman		\$38,855
(24)	Department Business Coordinator	28	\$78,713
(25)	Skilled Trades Pool	169	
	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
(26)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	7	\$69,975
(27)	Print Shop Manager	1	\$69,975
(28)	Administrative Support Pool	367	
	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
(29)	Maintenance Supervisor	9	\$67,284
(30)	Institutional Printer	7	\$64,696
(31)	Inventory Control Manager	5	\$62,208

(32)	Medical Billing Specialist	64	\$62,208
(33)	Public Information Technician	9	\$62,208
(34)	Medical Records Technician	11	\$59,815
(35)	Storeroom Supervisor	9	\$57,515
(36)	Patient Account Specialist	11	\$53,175
(37)	Cashier	55	\$51,130
(38)	Inventory Control Technician	14	\$51,130
(39)	Housekeeper	25	\$49,164
(40)	Child Care Technician	183	\$45,455
(41)	Mail Services Assistant	7	\$45,455
(42)	Caregiver	20	\$43,706
(43)	Cook	45	\$43,706
(44)	Institutional Services Assistant	108	\$42,025

TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERALACADEMIC POSITIONS

(45)	Faculty Pool	1,551	
	Distinguished Professor		\$567,260
	Professor		\$392,183
	Associate Professor		\$359,501
	Assistant Professor		\$339,892
	Instructor		\$269,448
	Research Instructor		\$269,448
	Research Professor		\$237,829
	Family Practice Coordinator		\$237,616
	Associate Family Practice Coord.		\$231,161
	Associate Research Professor		\$224,720
	Assistant Family Practice Coord.		\$218,249
	Assistant Research Professor		\$212,176
(46)	Department Chairperson	30	\$562,128
(47)	Educational Support Pool	297	
	Instructional Dev. Specialist II		\$175,351
	Education Coordinator		\$171,912
	Clinic Instructor		\$149,939
	Instructional Dev. Specialist I		\$142,209
	Educational Dev. Specialist I		\$113,031
	Clinic Assistant Instructor		\$107,235

(48)	Library Pool	24	
	Librarian		\$155,540
	Senior Librarian Assistant		\$135,557
	Associate Librarian		\$135,557
	Assistant Librarian		\$122,222
	Library Supervisor		\$65,197
	Library Specialist		\$55,731
	Library Technician		\$51,526
	Library Support Assistant		\$47,639
(49)	Research Support Pool	427	
	Research Associate		\$142,209
	Post Doctoral Fellow		\$122,222
	Senior Research Assistant		\$115,289
	Biostatistician		\$112,380
	Research Technologist		\$78,713
	Research Project Analyst		\$72,774
	Graduate Assistant		\$57,380
	Research Technician		\$53,175
(50)	Resident	1,060	\$100,171
(51)	Pharmacy Resident	17	\$96,402
(52)	Trainee	9	\$36,701
	<u>PATIENT CARE POSITIONS</u>		
(53)	Medical Services	408	
	Clinic Director		\$317,246
	Director of Pharmacy		\$250,632
	Asst. Dir. of Pharmacy		\$240,066
	Director of University Hospital		\$223,498
	Assoc. Adm. Patient Care		\$219,588
	Patient Care Administrator		\$219,070
	Clinical Laboratory Manager		\$218,575
	Associate Director of Hospital		\$201,768
	Clinical Services Manager		\$193,412
	Assistant Director of Hospital		\$182,210
	Biomedical Instrument Engineer		\$175,351
	Poison Control Specialist		\$167,962
	Director of Clinic Nursing		\$163,114

	Asst. Adm. Patient Care	\$157,053
	Director of Medical Records	\$151,363
	Hospital Financial Manager	\$145,501
	Biomedical Equipment Tech II	\$142,208
	Medical Services Admin.	\$132,052
	Research/Clinical Programs Manager	\$128,986
	Manager Medical Ancillary Services	\$108,136
	Biomedical Equipment Tech I	\$107,234
	Clinical Interpreter	\$106,311
	Medical Services Mgr.	\$101,168
	RN Clinical Coordinator	\$94,592
	Lab Mgr. Adm.	\$93,419
	Dietician	\$72,774
	Medical Diagnostic Analyst	\$62,208
	Hospital Program Services Asst.	\$55,302
	Dietetic Technician	\$53,175
	Hospital Technician	\$53,175
(54)	Nursing Services	3,226
	Senior Nurse Anesthetist	\$270,964
	Nurse Anesthetist	\$202,744
	Registered Nurse IV	\$193,412
	Physician Assistant	\$180,855
	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	\$176,638
	Specialty Registered Nurse	\$176,638
	Registered Nurse III	\$160,468
	Certified Nurse Practitioner III	\$154,819
	Clinical Nursing Specialist II	\$145,267
	Head Nurse	\$145,267
	Nurse In-Service Instructor	\$134,709
	Clinical Nursing Specialist I	\$134,709
	Certified Nurse Practitioner II	\$134,626
	Registered Nurse II	\$126,659
	Registered Nurse I	\$119,679
	Medical Assistant	\$116,326
	Certified Nurse Practitioner I	\$112,439
	LPN II	\$90,844

	Nursing Unit Coordinator	\$83,170
	Patient Services Associate	\$76,011
	LPN I	\$73,574
	Patient Care Technician	\$59,316
	Certified Nursing Assistant	\$53,175
(55)	Medical Ancillary Support	1,714
	Pharmacy Specialist	\$233,693
	Pharmacist III	\$229,707
	Pharmacist II	\$222,268
	Pharmacist I	\$193,154
	Medical Imaging Electrical Engineer	\$182,520
	Audiologist	\$170,491
	Certified Technologist III	\$147,599
	Medical Technologist III	\$146,469
	Registered Dietitian	\$145,487
	Nutritionist	\$144,762
	Clinical Laboratory Supv.	\$135,164
	Respiratory Therapist Supervisor	\$126,660
	Clinical Technician III	\$126,659
	X-Ray Technician III	\$120,956
	Special Procedures Technician	\$116,325
	Certified Procedure Coding Spec.	\$116,325
	Medical Technologist II	\$114,806
	Certified Technologist II	\$112,439
	X-Ray Technician II	\$107,715
	Certified Technologist I	\$105,606
	Medical Technologist I	\$104,773
	Med Lab Technician	\$101,594
	Clinical Technician II	\$98,899
	X-Ray Technician I	\$94,467
	Lab Technician III	\$78,161
	Clinical Technician I	\$77,064
	Point of Service Coordinator	\$77,064
	Health Information Svs. Analyst II	\$53,527
	Health Information Svs. Analyst I	\$46,838
	Laboratory Assistant	\$40,722

(56)	Rehabilitation Therapy Pool	148	
	Dir. of Rehabilitation Services		\$181,453
	Dir. of Occupational Therapy		\$157,785
	Dir. of Physical Therapy		\$157,785
	Physical Therapist		\$143,972
	Occupational Therapist		\$137,203
	Speech Therapist		\$137,203
	Physical Therapist Assistant		\$121,239
(57)	Psychiatry Pool	165	
	Mental Health Professional II		\$122,223
	Mental Health Professional I		\$115,290
	Health Services Specialist II		\$55,302
<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>			
<u>POSITIONS</u>			
(58)	Food Service Pool	113	
	Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
	Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
	Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>12,761</u>	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the 2025-2026 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, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(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, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,100,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000,000
(03) OVERTIME	20,000,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	275,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	705,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000,000
(C) PROF. FEES	45,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150,000,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	50,000,000
(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS	40,000,000

(09)	CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT	250,000
(10)	WAR MEMORIAL PARKING FEES	50,000
(11)	INDIGENT CARE & BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM GRANTS/AID	10,000,000
(12)	PHARMACY STUDENT LOANS	<u>550,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,520,850,000</u></u>

*SECTION 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, 2026, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
<i>(01) ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
<i>(02) RURAL ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS</i>	<i>150,000</i>
<i>(03) RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS</i>	<i>300,000</i>
<i>(04) COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS</i>	<i><u>150,000</u></i>
<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<i><u><u>\$750,000</u></u></i>

*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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(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, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(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, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</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, 2026, the following:*

<i>ITEM <u>NO.</u></i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u></i>
<i>(01) NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES</i>	<i><u>\$796,000</u></i>

*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, 2026, the following:*

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING & RESEARCH	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

*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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,503,906

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

SECTION 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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	
OF PANS/PANDAS CLINIC AND PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$175,000</u></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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ARKANSAS BREAST MILK BANK PERSONAL	
SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,700,000</u></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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MATERNAL HEALTH WORKFORCE FINANCIAL AID AND PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXPENSES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 20. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 21. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 22. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 23. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 24. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 25. 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 ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year a pool of ~~three~~ six hundred (~~300~~ 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 ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year exceed the number of positions allocated to the University by the Legislature. The University shall provide justification to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for the need to allocate titles from this "growth pool". No ~~classifications~~ 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. ~~Furthermore, the Arkansas Division of Higher Education shall establish and maintain for the 2024-2025 fiscal year a pool of three hundred (300) career service positions up to a G130. 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 2024-2025 fiscal year exceed the number of positions in a classification allocated to the University by the Legislature. The University shall provide justification to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for the need to allocate titles from this "growth pool". No classifications will be assigned to the pool until such time as specific positions are requested by the University, recommended by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education, and approved by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.~~

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

Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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

SECTION 26. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 27. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 28. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 29. 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 ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 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 ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 30. 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, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 31. 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 32. 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 33. 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.

*/s/ Joint Budget Committee*