

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 First Extraordinary Session, 2000

Call Item 6

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 3

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5 By: Senator Dowd  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE  
10 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT CASH HOLDING FUND TO THE CASH FUNDS  
11 OF THE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS OF THE UNIVERSITY  
12 OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR A STUDY AND  
13 IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPANDED HEALTH CARE SERVICES; AND  
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 "AN ACT TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE  
17 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT CASH HOLDING FUND TO  
18 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL  
19 SCIENCES CASH FUNDS FOR EXPANDED HEALTH  
20 CARE SERVICES. "  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. (a) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall  
28 conduct a study, through the Area Health Education Centers (AHECS), to  
29 determine on a county by county basis the primary health needs of the State.  
30 (b) The AHECS shall, based upon the findings and results of the study required  
31 in subsection (a) of this Section, review and propose modifications in their  
32 mission statements to more clearly reflect the current conditions of the  
33 primary health needs of the State. The proposed modifications to the AHECS'  
34 mission statements shall be submitted for review and consideration by the  
35 Governor and the appropriate legislative committee, as determined by the  
36 Legislative Council, before October 1, 2000.

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2 SECTION 2. (a) Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, or as  
3 soon as funds are available in the Tobacco Settlement Cash Holding Fund, the  
4 State Board of Finance shall transfer three hundred thousand dollars  
5 (\$300,000) from the Tobacco Settlement Cash Holding Fund to the cash funds of  
6 the Area Health Education Centers of the University of Arkansas for Medical  
7 Sciences in order to provide funding for the study required in subsection (a)  
8 of Section 1 of this Act.

9 (b) The State Board of Finance shall transfer one million dollars (\$1,000,000)  
10 on January 1, 2001 and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) on April 15, 2002 and  
11 on April 15 of each year thereafter from the Tobacco Settlement Cash Holding  
12 Fund to the cash funds of the Area Health Education Centers of the University  
13 of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in order to provide funding to expand health  
14 care services in each county as a result of the findings of the study in  
15 subsection (a) of Section 1 and the change in the mission statement in  
16 subsection (b) of Section 1 of this Act.

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18 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
19 Eighty-second General Assembly that a study of the primary health needs in the  
20 State and the implementation of the study results by the Area Health Education  
21 Centers of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is vitally  
22 necessary to improve the health of Arkansas citizens and that funds necessary  
23 to implement the health services needed are provided by this Act. Therefore,  
24 an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for  
25 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective  
26 on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved  
27 nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the  
28 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is  
29 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective  
30 on the date the last house overrides the veto.