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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS . The appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19- 4- 522, but only as provided by this act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~—2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~—2024.

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TRANSFER PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

The General Assembly has determined that the institution in this act could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer between items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the institution broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~—2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~—2024.

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COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS . Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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~~EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES. In order to increase the adult degree completion rate and to develop its own human capital, the Arkansas State University System is hereby authorized to offer one-time lump-sum incentive bonuses or educational differentials of up to six percent (6%) of the employee's salary for degree attainment. A bonus or compensation differential may not be authorized if the education is included as a special requirement or minimum qualification established for the classification by the official class specification.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.~~

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SHARED RESOURCES – In order to prevent unnecessary growth in positions and to incentivize shared services, campuses within the system may temporarily transfer such positions as necessary. The temporary transfer shall be approved by the president and the related chancellors and reported to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education. Temporary transfers may be considered for permanent placement by the General Assembly during the prescribed legislative budget process. The provisions of this section shall be effective upon passage and approval.

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6- 65- 302, concerning the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University, is amended to add additional subsections to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(c)(1) The board may make a special allowance available to a coach employed by the university and who coaches more than one (1) sport at the university.

(2) A special allowance under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per fiscal year for any one (1) coach.

(3) If the board makes a special allowance under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, then the board shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those allowance funds.

(d)(1) The board may reimburse tuition, fees, and other education-related expenses of a current university faculty member who seeks additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards.

(2) Reimbursement under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request submitted by the current university faculty member has been documented by the university to meet critical shortage instructional areas or is necessary for restructuring the academic programs of the university.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 65, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

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6- 65- 307. Arkansas Tech STEM Institute.

(a) Arkansas Tech STEM Institute shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Tech University.

(b) The institute shall utilize a multidisciplinary collaboration of professionals to explore, develop, implement, and evaluate new and better ways to integrate the teaching, study, and performance of the following for academic, economic, and economic development purposes in the state:

- (1) Business;
- (2) Engineering;
- (3) Emergency management;
- (4) Agriculture;
- (5) Health care;
- (6) Technical programs; and
- (7) Computer sciences.

(c) The priorities of the institute shall include without limitation:

- (1) Economic development;
- (2) Technology development; and (3)  
Cyber- park development.

(d) The university shall make annual reports to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, on all matters regarding the following as they relate to the institute:

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- (1) Funding;
- (2) Existing programs offered by the institute; and
- (3) Services offered through the institute.

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~~TUITION REIMBURSEMENT. The Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University shall be authorized to reimburse tuition, feed, and other educational related expenses of current faculty who see additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards. Reimbursement shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request has been documented by the institution to meet critical shortage instructional areas or is necessary for restructuring of the academic programs of the institution.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022 2023 through June 30, 2023 2024.~~

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 65, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

6- 65- 227. Henderson State University - Community Education Center funding.

Funds allocated by the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State University system for the Community Education Center at Henderson State University shall be used exclusively for:

- (1) The operation and maintenance of the Community Education Center; and
- (2) To teach technical and industrial subjects to citizens and employers.

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LOAN. Loan repayments for the outstanding loan from the Budget Trust Stabilization Fund shall be made from time to time from any legal fund of Henderson State University and the entire amount of the loan shall be repaid to the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund no later than June 30, 2028 or as recommended by the General Assembly upon review of the loan status, which shall be presented to the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee no later than June 30 each year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6- 65- 402 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

6- 65- 402. Board of trustees - Powers and duties.

(a) The Board of Trustees of Southern Arkansas University appointed under the provisions of § 6- 65- 401 is charged with the management and control of Southern Arkansas University.

(b)(1) The board may reimburse tuition, fees, and other education-related expenses of a current university faculty member who seeks additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards.

(2) Reimbursement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request submitted by the current university faculty member has been documented by the university to meet critical shortage instructional areas.

(c)(1) The board may make a special allowance available to a coach employed by the university and who coaches more than one (1) sport at the university.

(2) A special allowance made under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per fiscal year for any one (1) coach.

(3) If the board makes a special allowance under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, then the board shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those allowance funds.

(4) A special allowance under subdivision (c)(1) of this

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section shall be expended from auxiliary income.

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~~SPECIAL ALLOWANCES . The Board of Trustees at Southern Arkansas University may make special allowances available to any coach who coaches more than one sport in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year for any one coach, to be expended from auxiliary income. Further, if the special allowance funds authorized herein are utilized, Southern Arkansas University shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those special allowance funds.~~

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

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
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COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS . Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6- 64- 1012 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

6- 64- 1012. Additional compensation for athletic department.

(a) In recognition of the extra work involved in the participation of intercollegiate athletic teams in post- season competition, and to promote exceptional achievement in the total sports program, the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, in accordance with policies issued by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, may approve additional compensation of up to one (1) month's salary for the athletic department and band personnel when any athletic team participates in post-season competition or achieves exceptional recognition, which shall be in addition to the regular salaries authorized by law, provided that the additional compensation shall be paid from auxiliary income of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville other than ~~public~~ state funds.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is further authorized to make additional payments to employees in the Athletic Department at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, or to employees that directly support its operation, in such amounts as the Board of Trustees may determine is appropriate in view of the unusual and exacting duties of such employees, provided the additional compensation shall be paid from auxiliary income other than state funds.

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Any such allowances authorized in this section shall be in addition to the regular salaries of such employees. Further, if the allowance funds authorized herein are utilized, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville shall report annually to the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those allowance funds.

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~~ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is hereby authorized to make additional payments to head and assistant coaches at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, from revenues generated by contracts with vendors of athletic apparel, shoes, multimedia rights, and other products in such amounts as may be established by the Board of Trustees for performance by the coaches of consulting and other obligations pursuant to contracts between the University and such vendors. Such additional payments to head and assistant coaches shall not be considered salary and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries established for such coaches by the General Assembly. Nothing in this section shall be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted elsewhere in Arkansas statutes for the payment of allowances or bonuses to coaches at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022–2023 through June 30, 2023–2024.~~

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~~APPRENTICE PROGRAM WAGES . All apprentices in the University of Arkansas U.S . Department of Labor Approved Apprentices Program shall be appointed into the State of Arkansas Classified Pay Plan title of (C 105) Apprentice Tradesman at the then Labor Market Entry Rate.~~

~~Using successive Arkansas Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Determination (ADLPWD) Building Rates for Washington County for the craft title matching that Apprentice' s craft training, individual Apprentices shall be paid progressively increasing wages upon successful completion of successive years of training for their craft. Progressively increasing, as strongly encouraged for this type program by the U.S . Department of Labor is defined as a percentage difference between the Apprentice' s current salary and the next year' s ADLPWD Washington County Building Rates Basic Hourly Rate for their chosen craft, but not less than the preceding year' s wages with any authorized cost of living (COLA) applied.~~

~~Upon successful completion of the Apprentices Program, fulfillment of all related licensing requirements, and availability of an open S killed Trades Worker position (if not already in a C 115 S killed Tradesman position), all Apprentices Program graduates shall be promoted to a C 115 S killed Tradesman position and earn the ADLPWD Washington County Building Rates Basic Hourly Rate for the classification of their chosen craft except that: "No Apprentices Program graduate shall earn wages less than C115 S killed Tradesman Entry Level."~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022 2023 through June 30, 2023 2024.~~

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE TRANSFER PROVISION. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Treasurer of State and Auditor of the State shall transfer on their books the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund to the University of Arkansas Fund for allocation to the Criminal Justice Institute for education and training to assist the criminal justice community in addressing the illicit drug activities in the State.

The provision of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-42-305, concerning the administrator and staff for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, is amended to add an additional subsection to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(e)(1) Instructors, members of the residential life staff, and mental health professionals employed by the school who, in addition to working during the regular school term, may also work during the summer months within the summer program, shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed one-tenth (1/10) of his or her annual salary for each month or part of the month in which he or she works.

(2) Additional compensation received under subdivision (e) (1) of this section shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for the individual who receives the additional compensation.

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~~EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES. In order to increase the adult degree completion rate and to develop its own human capital, the University of Arkansas System is hereby authorized to offer one time lump sum incentive bonuses or educational differentials of up to six percent (6%) of the employee's salary for degree attainment. A bonus or compensation differential may not be authorized if the education is included as a special requirement or minimum qualification established for the classification by the official class specification.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.~~

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM SHARED RESOURCES – In order to prevent unnecessary growth in positions and to incentivize shared services, campuses within the system may temporarily transfer such positions as necessary. The temporary transfer shall be approved by the president and the related chancellors and reported to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education. Temporary transfers may be considered for permanent placement by the General Assembly during the prescribed legislative budget process. The provisions of this section shall be effective upon passage and approval.

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PINE TREE RESEARCH STATION. (a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall not sell the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, to a private entity or individual. (b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may sell the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, to: (1) A non-profit corporation organized with the primary mission to keep the land open to the public and available for public use; and (2) Organized and operated for a minimum of five (5) years. (c) The property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, shall remain open to the public for public use, including without limitation: (1) Public fishing; (2) Public hunting; (3) Biking; (4) Bird watching; and (5) Hiking. (d) All property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, in row crop cultivation in the year 2020 is exempt from subsection (c) of this section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
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ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROGRAM. In any fiscal year, if the funds received by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the Arkansas Biosciences Institute in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute appropriation in this Act are less than the total amount appropriated, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall provide no less than thirty-three and one-third percent (33 and 1/3%) of the available funds for the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Program. Otherwise, the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Program line item appropriation in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute appropriation in this Act shall be funded in total or Arkansas Children's Hospital Chief Executive Officer may request that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal year from the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match federal funds used for Supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

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TRANSFER PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be made only after the approval of the ~~Department~~ Division of Higher Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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The General Assembly has determined that the institution in this act could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer between items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the institution broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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

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

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

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COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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EXTRA HELP - UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL PRN POOL. There is hereby authorized for the University of Arkansas ~~For~~ for Medical Sciences, the following number of ~~parttime~~ part-time or temporary positions, to be known as "PRN Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein, for the purpose of employing RN's and LPN's in a Nursing PRN Pool; four hundred ten (410), when needed, at ~~rated~~ rates of pay not to exceed the rate of pay for comparable positions authorized by this Act. If the agency requests continuation of a "PRN Extra Help" position(s) as established herein during the next fiscal year, the extra help position(s) must be requested as a new extra help position(s) in the agency's budget request.

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EXTRA HELP - UAMS TEMPS. There is hereby authorized for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the following number of part-time or temporary positions, to be known as "UAMS TEMPS/EXTRA HELP", payable from funds appropriated herein, for the purpose of employing ~~qualifies~~ qualified individuals in a UAMS Temporary Pool: five hundred thirty (530), when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed the rate of pay for comparable positions authorized by this Act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 18, is amended to add an additional subchapter to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

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Subchapter 12 - Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund Grant Program 23-18-1201. This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund Grant Program".

23-18-1202. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Generally, local entities do not budget for or have funds available for broadband due-diligence business studies in connection with making application for federal grants or loans for broadband development programs;

(2) In order to spur further development of broadband in rural Arkansas, it is necessary for local entities to conduct due-diligence business studies before applying for federal grants or loans for broadband development programs;

(3) Expenses associated with broadband due-diligence business studies can be burdensome to rural Arkansas communities, and it is in the best interest of all Arkansans to make an investment to develop broadband in rural areas;

(4) Under current Arkansas law, only certain eligible telecommunications carriers have benefitted from the Arkansas High Cost Fund under § 23-17-404, which underwrites broadband deployment; and

(5) It is necessary to provide funds to local entities to further widespread broadband deployment, particularly in unserved and underserved rural Arkansas, and to determine the feasibility of broadband deployment for local entities

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that currently do not have federally defined broadband services and where these broadband due-diligence business studies have not been conducted before.

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(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide funds to local entities to defray expenses for broadband due-diligence business studies in connection with preparations for federal grant and loan applications for broadband development programs administered by the Federal Communications Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture, or another federal agency to spur federally defined broadband development in rural Arkansas.

23-18-1203. Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund - Management of grant application process.

(a) The Institute for Digital Health and Innovation of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall manage the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grant application process for local entities to receive funds under the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund.

(b) The institute for Digital Health and Innovation shall:  
(1) Determine Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grantees;

(2) Promulgate rules necessary to implement this act;

(3)(A) Determine the amount of the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grant funds disbursed to an applicant.

(B) An applicant may be a prospective and qualified applicant for a federal grant or loan for a broadband development program under the federal regulations promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture, or another federal agency;

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- (4) Make the determination if the grants shall be awarded;  
and
- (5) Inform the Treasurer of State when a determination is made to award Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grants.
- (c) The Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grants awarded under this subchapter shall:
  - (1) Not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per grant;
  - (2) Be limited to thirty (30) one-time grant awards; and
  - (3) Be made to a financial institution designated by the local entity that is a Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grantee and that has accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.
- (d)(1) A local entity that is a Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grantee shall:
  - (A) Manage the funds it receives for conducting broadband due-diligence business studies; and
  - (B) File with the institute an audited accounting of disbursed funds for conducting broadband due-diligence business studies, which shall include information concerning the organizations conducting the broadband due-diligence business studies, the amount paid to those organizations, and the due date of broadband due-diligence business studies.
- (2) The accounting described in subdivision (d)(1)(B) of this section shall be filed no later than:
  - (A)(i) Four (4) months from the date of receipt of the funds.

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(ii) A local entity that files an accounting under subdivision (d)(2)(A)(i) of this section shall file an additional accounting at the conclusion of the broadband due-diligence business study; or

(B) Nine (9) months after receipt of the funds.

(3) Any funds not spent on the broadband due-diligence business study shall be paid back to the Treasurer of State within nine (9) months after receipt of the disbursement.

23-18-1204. Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund Grant Program - Legislative oversight.

(a) The General Assembly shall maintain oversight of the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund Grant Program under this subchapter by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council, or of the Joint Budget Committee if the General Assembly is in session, as provided by law before Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grants are awarded.

(b) The Director of the Institute for Digital Health and Innovation of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or his or her designee and the Treasurer of State or his or her designee shall:

(1) Summarize to the General Assembly before Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grants are awarded; and

(2)(A) File a biannual report detailing:

(i) The balance of the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund as of the reporting date;

(ii) A list of the administrative overhead costs paid for from the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund; and

(iii) A detailed description of the grant applications received and the amount of the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grant funds that were disbursed.

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(B) The biannual report required under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall be submitted by January 1 and July 1 of each year to the:

(i) Governor;

(ii) Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee; and

(iii) Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology.

23-18-1205. Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund Grant Program - Investment of funds.

(a)(1) The Treasurer of State shall invest the moneys available in the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund.

(2) The investment of funds under this section is exempt from § 19-3-518(a)(2)(B)(i)(b) and (c).

(b) Moneys in the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund may be invested in any instrument that is:

(1) Listed in § 19-3-518(b)(1)(B); and

(2) Approved under the guidelines established by the State Treasury investment policy approved by the State Board of Finance.

(c) Assuming reauthorization of the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund by the General Assembly, moneys remaining in the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall carry forward and be made available for the purposes stated in this section in the next fiscal year.

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23-18-1206. Additional reporting requirement by local entity as Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grantee.

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A local entity that is a Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grantee under this subchapter shall:

(1) Report to the Institute for Digital Health and Innovation of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences semiannually about the status of the local entity's broadband due-diligence business study; and

(2) Cite reports and analyses finalized as a consequence of the Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund grant award.

23-18-1207. Rural Broadband I.D. Expenses Trust Fund Grant Program - Additional funding available.

(a) If an application by a local entity for a federal grant or loan for a broadband development program is made and successfully awarded by the United States Government, then the local entity as grantee shall report and disclose the award received from the United States Government within thirty (30) days of the award notification to the:

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(b)(1) If an award is made by the United States Government, additional funds shall be disbursed to the local entity as a grantee or awardee, as the grantee designates, to initiate the broadband development project.

(2) The additional awards shall be in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

(3) It is anticipated that funds disbursed under this subsection shall defray expenses related to conclusion of the federal grant or loan, including without limitation the expenses of obtaining a letter of credit, a bankruptcy opinion, or eligible telecommunications carrier application expenses, as required by the federal grant or loan awarded.

23-18-1208. Reporting related to commencement of broadband development program funded by federal grant or loan.

(a) A local entity that has been awarded a federal grant or loan for a broadband development program shall report the status of the broadband development program to the Institute for Digital Health and Innovation of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences within nine (9) months of the award of the federal grant or loan.

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23-18-1209. Submission of mapping information to Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office required.

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(a) A local entity shall coordinate with the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office to provide mapping information to the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure for preparation of legal descriptions and digital mapping for the relevant incorporated or unincorporated areas.

(b) A local entity that has been awarded a state or federal grant or loan shall provide information concerning broadband mapping to the office in compliance with the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office Policy Statement PS-01, Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure Data Loading and Retirement Procedures.



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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, ~~2022~~2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~2024.

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~~UAMS -- ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM. There is hereby established a program for the comprehensive care of Adult Sickle Cell Disease to be known as the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Adult Sickle Cell Disease Program. The program will facilitate the continued development of adult sickle cell disease treatment, preventive care, education, and training for health care professionals and related personnel utilizing the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' Area Health Education Centers throughout the State and Institute for Digital Health and Innovation. Funding for the Program will be from general revenue and cash funds from fees for services, donations, grants, and federal funds. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences will not assume responsibility for funding the Program until such time as the General Assembly appropriates and funds the Program.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.~~

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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, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

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UAMS - CENTER FOR DENTAL EDUCATION. There is hereby established a center in Arkansas for Dental Education in cooperation with the University of Tennessee Dental School, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Children's Hospital. The Center shall be known as the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Center for Dental Education. The Center will facilitate the continued development of dental education, its specialties and services for the citizens of Arkansas.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~2024.

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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, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

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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.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-64-413(b)(2), concerning special allowances for patient care and research faculty, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(2) Provided, any such allowance shall not exceed for any employee an amount equal to ~~two (2) two~~ and one-half (2 1/2) times that portion of the salary authorized by the General Assembly to be paid from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund.

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~~SPECIAL ALLOWANCES—RECRUITMENT. The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas is hereby authorized to make available to the President of the University of Arkansas special allowances in such amounts as the Board may determine to be justified at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, for the use of the Chancellor and his deans, representatives, department heads, and directors at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in recruitment of faculty and staff members. Upon approval by the President and the Board of Trustees, such funds shall be administered by the Chancellor, who shall assure that the total amount expended for such purposes does not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) each fiscal year or so much thereof as may be authorized by the Board of Trustees. The funds authorized by this Section shall come from a source other than state tax dollars appropriated by the General Assembly or charges made to students for tuition, fees, room and board, or other purposes. Each year the Chancellor shall furnish to the President of the University of Arkansas, the Board of Trustees, and the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee a report showing for each expenditure the date, the amount, the names of persons to whom the expenditure was made, and the purpose for which the expenditure was made.~~

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-64-414, concerning area health education centers, is amended to add an additional subsection to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(c)(1) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may utilize appropriated funds for the purpose of contracting with physician-teachers and teachers in other health-related professions residing only at sites located away from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

(2) Appropriated funds may be paid only for the purpose of teaching residents and students assigned to area health education centers.

(3) Contracts entered into with physician teachers, or with teachers in other health-related fields or their associates, require the prior approval of the agency head only and shall be reported quarterly to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 63, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

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6-63-317. Overtime, incentives, and differentials for direct and indirect unclassified patient care personnel at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

(a) All unclassified positions employed to provide or support patient care at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences are eligible for overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular hourly rate.

(b) In addition to overtime, unclassified direct and indirect patient care employees scheduled to work shifts outside of normal operating schedules may be eligible to receive up to twenty-four percent (24%) of the hourly rate paid as a shift differential.

(c)(1) All unclassified positions employed to provide or support patient care at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall be eligible to receive incentive pay not to exceed one and two-tenths (1.2) times their base hourly rate.

(2) All unclassified employees required to work in specialty areas shall be eligible to receive up to ten percent (10%) of the hourly rate paid as a specialty differential while working in such areas.

(d)(1) When overtime, shift differentials, standby pay, incentive pay, or specialty differentials are provided to employees as stated in this section, the total may exceed the line item maximum salaries for those positions.

(2) This section does not apply to the positions of Patient Care Administrator, Associate Administrator, or Assistant Administrator of Patient Care.

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(e)(1) In addition, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may also make special compensation allowances available, in such amounts as the board may determine or justify equitable in view of the current requirements for registered nurses in the Clinical Programs of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the availability of registered nurses for employment in the Little Rock metropolitan area.

(2) However, the special compensation allowances approved by the board for a single individual shall not exceed the state line item maximum by more than twenty percent (20%) for those positions.

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DAY CARE. Of the funds appropriated in the Operations appropriation section of this Act, \$250,000 each year may be allocated as the State's portion of the operating cost of a Child Care Facility of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Individuals using this facility will be charged a daily rate as determined by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

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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.

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Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024, 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

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and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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STIPENDS. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is hereby authorized to pay stipends to students engaged in post-graduate clinical training in accredited programs of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, from "Regular Salaries" or "Maintenance and General Operation", as follows:

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Maximum Number Of Positions	Annual Stipend
<del>2022-2023</del>	<del>2022-2023</del>
<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>

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- 1. Residents \$69,179
- 2. Interns \$55,492

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~~CHAPLAIN HOUSING ALLOWANCE. The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may designate up to forty-five percent (45%) of the regular gross salary (or stipend) of a minister or other clergy employed as a Chaplain or appointed as a Chaplain Resident, as a housing allowance, to the extent used by the person to rent or provide a home, according to the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 107 and the Arkansas Code § 26-51-404(b)(9).~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.~~

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1609, concerning state-supported institutions of higher education, is amended to add an additional subsection to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

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(c) Under this section, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may utilize appropriated funds to authorize procedures for the disbursement of indigent care maintenance and general operations appropriations to be paid from cash funds of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, subject to reimbursement and correction of reporting.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GROWTH POOL". (a) The Arkansas Division of Higher Education shall establish and maintain for the ~~2022-2023-2023-2024~~ fiscal year a pool of three hundred (300) 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 ~~2022-2023-2023-2024~~ 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 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 ~~2022-2023-2023-2024~~ fiscal year a pool of three hundred (300) career service positions up to a C130. 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 ~~2022-2023-2023-2024~~ 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.

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(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, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

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CHILD 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, ~~2022~~2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~2024.

**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

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, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

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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, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.

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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 ~~2022-2023~~-2023-2024 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 ~~2022-2023~~-2023-2024 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.

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(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, ~~2022-2023~~ through June 30, ~~2023-2024~~.



**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH INST. REQUEST)**

**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 63, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

INSTITUTION REQUEST

6-63-318. On-call compensation for patient care employees.

(a) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may provide on-call duty compensation or standby duty differential compensation for a classified or non-classified patient care employee whose job requires him or her to provide patient care when there is no regularly scheduled staff coverage.

(b) A classified or non-classified patient care employee shall not exceed one hundred twenty-eight (128) hours during any seven (7) day period, at rates of pay not to exceed the pay provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, § 21-5-201 et seq., or its successor, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction Act, § 6-63-301 et seq., or the compensation set in the operative appropriation for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

ABUSED CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDING PROVISION.

INSTITUTION REQUEST

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, ~~2022-~~  
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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 64, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

INSTITUTION REQUEST

§ 6-64-423. Medicaid Memorandum of Understanding.

Upon prior review of the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the Department of Human Services shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to determine any reimbursement, administrative charges, or fees for:

(1) The State Olmstead plan;

(2) Processing or administration of state match funds charges as reimbursement funding for federal financial participation under the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program; or

(3) Any other arrangements or agreements that could benefit the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

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**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6- 64- 303, concerning the establishment of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, is amended to add additional subsections to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(c)(1) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, may approve the employment of scientists with research capabilities to conduct research in the Biomedical Research Center established at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

(2) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may approve salaries for scientists up to, but not to exceed, one and one-half (1 1/2) of that portion of the Distinguished Professor line item maximum authorized by the General Assembly to be paid from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff funds.

(d) Any computations made by the Division of Higher Education and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board in determining the levels of recommended funding for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall include one hundred percent (100%) matching funds for the 1890 Research and Extension Programs in the base.

(e)(1) For the purpose of providing necessary allowances for housing and other unusual expenses incurred by or on behalf of the athletic director, associate or assistant athletic directors, head coaches, and assistant coaches at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, the Board of

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Trustees of the University of Arkansas may make a special allowance available in an amount the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas determines is justified, which shall be an equitable allowance in light of the unusual and exacting duties of the athletic director, associate or assistant athletic directors, head coaches, and assistant coaches at the campus at Pine Bluff.

(2) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may expend funds from the auxiliary income of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, which is derived from athletic event receipts, for purposes of allowances made under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

(3) However, allowances made under subdivision (e)(1) of this section for the athletic director, associate or assistant athletic directors, head coaches, and assistant coaches at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall:

(A) Be in addition to the regular salary of the athletic director, associate or assistant athletic directors, head coaches, and assistant coaches at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; and

(B) Not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per annum for any one (1) salaried position.

(4) If the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas makes an allowance under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, then the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those allowance funds.

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JENKINS CENTER. Of the funds appropriated in the State Operations appropriation section, the sum of \$252,558 for the fiscal year shall be used to provide support to the Jenkins Center in Pine Bluff. Provided, however, such funds shall be used to conduct and maintain a University training program in cooperation with the Jenkins Center. Provided, further, any reductions in funding for appropriation provided in the State Operations appropriation section shall be proportionately applied to the funds set out herein for support. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~2024

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~~FORMULA COMPUTATIONS — 1890 MATCHING FUNDS . Any computations made by the Division of Higher Education and the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board in determining levels of recommended funding for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall include 100% matching funds for the 1890 Research and Extension Programs in the base.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022 — 2023 through June 30, 2023 — 2024.~~

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**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

~~SPECIAL ALLOWANCES . For the purpose of providing necessary allowances for housing and other unusual expenses incurred by or in behalf of the athletic director, associate/assistant athletic directors, head coaches, and assistant coaches at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, the Board of Trustees may make special allowances available therefore in such amounts as the Board of Trustees may determine as justified, an equitable allowance in view of the unusual and exacting duties of said athletic director, associate/assistant athletic directors, head coaches, and assistant coaches, and for the purpose of providing such allowances, the Board of Trustees is authorized to expend from the auxiliary income of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, which is derived from athletic event receipts. Provided that any such allowances shall be in addition to the regular salary of such athletic director, associate/assistant athletic directors, head coaches and assistant coaches, as established herein provided that the amount of such allowance shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per annum for any one salaried position. Further, if the special allowance funds authorized herein are utilized the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those special allowance funds.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022–2023 through June 30, 2023–2024.~~

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**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-67-103, concerning powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas, is amended to add additional subsections to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(e)(1) The board may make:

(A)(i) A special allowance available to a coach employed by the university and who coaches more than one (1) sport at the university.

(ii) A special allowance under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per fiscal year for any one (1) coach; and

(B)(i) An additional payment to head coaches at the university from revenues generated by contracts with vendors of athletic apparel, shoes, and other products in such amounts as may be established by the board for performance by the head coaches at the university for consulting and performing other obligations pursuant to contracts between the university and the vendors.

(ii) Additional payments made by the board under subdivision (e)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall not be:

(a) Considered salary; or

(b) Deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries established for head coaches at the university.

(2) This subsection does not reduce or eliminate the board's authority granted elsewhere in statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to coaches at the university.

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(3) If the board uses special allowance funds under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, then the board shall report annually to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the exact disposition of those allowance funds.

(f)(1) The board may reimburse tuition, fees, and other education-related expenses of a current university faculty member who seeks additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards.

(2) Reimbursement under subdivision (f)(1) of this section shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request submitted by the current university faculty member has been documented by the university to meet critical shortage instructional areas.

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

~~TUITION REIMBURSEMENT. The Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas shall be authorized to reimburse tuition, fees, and other educational related expenses of current faculty who seek additional education levels that will benefit the university in meeting accreditation and professional standards. Reimbursement shall be authorized only when the reimbursement request has been documented by the institution to meet critical shortage instructional areas.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022 – 2023 through June 30, 2023 – 2024.~~

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**2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT**

**INST: 0120 ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE**

**ACT#: 167**

**SECTION#: 5**

**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH INST. REQUEST)**

**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

~~FUNDING PROVISIONS. If the official general revenue forecast is reduced during the fiscal year each Arkansas State University — Beebe campus will receive the same percentage reduction. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.~~

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**2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT**

**INST: 0177 ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH**

**ACT#: 144**

**SECTION#: 7**

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ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS - TRAINING CONSORTIUM ADVICE.

The Arkansas State University Mid- South upon counsel with and advice from the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) shall disburse funds from the ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS appropriation authorized in this Act to selected University Center Partners and also the participating ADTEC Partners.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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**2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT**

INST: 0691 SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE

ACT#: 7

SECTION#: 5

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**AR HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

**INSTITUTION REQUEST**

6- 61- 535 - Southeast Arkansas College - Reimbursements.

(a) The Board of Trustees of Southeast Arkansas College may reimburse tuition, fees, and other education- related expenses of current faculty who seek additional education levels that will benefit Southeast Arkansas College in meeting accreditation and professional standards.

(b) Reimbursement under this section is authorized only when the reimbursement request has been documented by Southeast Arkansas College to meet critical shortage instructional areas.

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