

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 21

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 HEALTH - ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION FOR THE  
10 MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE OF THE TARGETED STATE  
11 NEEDS PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
12 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH  
16 INITIATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -  
17 ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
19 YEAR.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE. There is  
26 hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Minority Health  
27 Commission for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
28 regular employees.  
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			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	No. of	2023-2024
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34	(1) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1 GRADE MP01
35	(2) A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1 GRADE GS08
36	(3) G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1 GRADE GS07



1	(4) L053C HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE GS06
2	(5) R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
3	(6) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS05
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

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6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE. There is hereby  
7 appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Targeted  
8 State Needs Program Account, for personal services and operating expenses of  
9 the Department of Health - Arkansas Minority Health Commission - Arkansas  
10 Minority Health Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the  
11 following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$313,478
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	113,587
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	531,788
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	0
24	(05) SCREENING, MONITORING, TREATING &	
25	OUTREACH	<u>558,554</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,787,407</u></u>

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28 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
30 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish  
31 upon request for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission a special  
32 Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional  
33 items. When the Arkansas Minority Health Commission wishes to transfer from  
34 its operating expenses and/or Screening, Monitoring, Treating, Outreach &  
35 Advertising appropriation and funds to the promotional items line, the  
36 request shall be forwarded by the Arkansas Minority Health Commission to the

1 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by  
2 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the  
3 maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and  
4 general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the  
5 prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
6 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
7 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
8 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
9 has determined that the Arkansas Minority Health Commission may operate more  
10 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Health -  
11 Arkansas Minority Health Commission authorizing broad powers under this  
12 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General  
13 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative  
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The  
15 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
16 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by  
17 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional  
18 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
20 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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22 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
28 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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30 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

32 TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATION. In the event the amount of any of the budget  
33 classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by  
34 the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head  
35 may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
36 of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In

1 that event, he or she shall set out on the forms the particular  
2 classifications for which he or she is requesting an increase or decrease,  
3 the amounts thereof, and his or her reasons therefor. In no event shall the  
4 total amount of the budget exceed either the amount of the appropriation or  
5 the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the  
6 capital outlay or data processing subclassifications unless specific  
7 authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from  
8 capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of  
9 Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems that data  
10 processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-  
11 efficient basis by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services -  
12 Division of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing  
13 equipment by that state agency. In considering the proposed modification as  
14 prepared and submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
15 State shall make such studies as he or she deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal  
16 Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative  
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee, approve the requested transfer if in his  
18 or her opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

19 The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be  
20 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and  
21 that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer  
22 between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General  
23 Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of  
24 appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General  
25 Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring  
26 prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer  
27 authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council  
28 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by  
29 the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent  
30 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
32 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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34 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
36 POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the

1 State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding  
2 any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event  
3 that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

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

7 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section  
8 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the  
9 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Department of Health - Arkansas  
10 Minority Health Commission.

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

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
15 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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17 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
19 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act  
20 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made  
21 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions  
22 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures  
23 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,  
24 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and  
25 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as  
26 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said  
27 funds.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
29 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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31 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
33 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds  
34 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act  
35 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was  
36 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,

1 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the  
2 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
3 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas  
4 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and  
5 adoption.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~  
7 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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9 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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