

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 42

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
11 FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
12 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
16 FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES APPROPRIATION FOR
17 THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the 2026-2027 fiscal
25 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Medical Center CEO	1	\$707,619
(2)	Chancellor	1	\$498,931
(3)	Provost	1	\$481,621
(4)	Vice Chancellor	12	\$407,030



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

1	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$125,461
2	Coordinator of Information Tech.	\$123,806
3	Website Developer/Programmer	\$123,806
4	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$122,387
5	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$112,475
6	Database Administrator	\$110,019
7	Systems Administrator	\$108,925
8	Information Systems Security Spec.	\$106,894
9	Institution Information Tech Coord	\$104,736
10	Assistant Database Administrator	\$100,790
11	Computer Support Manager	\$100,708
12	Information Systems Coordinator	\$100,708
13	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$100,708
14	Systems Specialist	\$100,708
15	Information Technology Manager	\$99,493
16	Network Support Specialist	\$96,834
17	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$96,834
18	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$95,330
19	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$95,330
20	Information Systems Business Mgr.	\$93,110
21	Security Analyst	\$93,110
22	Systems Analyst	\$93,110
23	Information Technology Specialist	\$91,166
24	Computer Support Coordinator	\$89,529
25	Software Support Analyst	\$89,529
26	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$89,529
27	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$86,085
28	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$86,085
29	PC Support Specialist	\$84,480
30	Computer Support Specialist	\$82,775
31	Database Analyst	\$82,775
32	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$79,590
33	Network Support Analyst	\$79,590
34	Website Developer	\$79,590
35	Information Systems Analyst	\$76,530
36	Info Systems Security Analyst	\$76,530

1	Computer Support Analyst		\$76,530
2	Software Support Specialist		\$73,587
3	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$73,587
4	Media Specialist		\$72,215
5	Computer Support Technician		\$70,756
6	Help Desk Specialist		\$70,756
7	Computer Operator		\$68,035
8	Network Analyst		\$68,035
9	Telecommunications Specialist		\$68,035
10	Multimedia Specialist		\$64,199
11	Information Technology Assistant		\$60,483
12	Computer Lab Technician		\$58,156
13	Multimedia Technician		\$52,766
14	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$48,785
15	(20) Kids First / Headstart Pool	78	
16	Social Services Consultant		\$131,242
17	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant III		\$131,242
18	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant II		\$112,516
19	Early Childhood Spec. Educator II		\$112,437
20	Site Manager I		\$109,536
21	Certified Classroom Teacher		\$104,033
22	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant I		\$102,691
23	Pediatric Motor Dev. Consult.		\$99,123
24	RN Clinical Coordinator		\$97,619
25	Early Childhood Spec. Educator I		\$91,570
26	Family Enrichment Specialist I		\$79,079
27	(21) Biological Safety Officer	4	\$109,713
28	(22) Fiscal Support Pool	50	
29	Fiscal Support Manager		\$95,029
30	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$78,106
31	Accountant II		\$75,103
32	Accountant I		\$72,215
33	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$69,437
34	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$61,729
35	Accounting Technician		\$57,071
36	Fiscal Support Technician		\$52,766

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

1	(31)	Inventory Control Manager	5	\$64,199
2	(32)	Medical Billing Specialist	64	\$64,199
3	(33)	Public Information Technician	9	\$64,199
4	(34)	Medical Records Technician	11	\$61,729
5	(35)	Storeroom Supervisor	9	\$59,355
6	(36)	Patient Account Specialist	11	\$54,877
7	(37)	Cashier	55	\$52,766
8	(38)	Inventory Control Technician	14	\$52,766
9	(39)	Housekeeper	25	\$50,737
10	(40)	Child Care Technician	183	\$46,909
11	(41)	Mail Services Assistant	7	\$46,909
12	(42)	Caregiver	20	\$45,105
13	(43)	Cook	45	\$45,105
14	(44)	Institutional Services Assistant	108	\$43,370
15		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
16		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
17	(45)	Faculty Pool	1,551	
18		Distinguished Professor		\$585,412
19		Professor		\$404,732
20		Associate Professor		\$371,005
21		Assistant Professor		\$350,768
22		Instructor		\$278,071
23		Research Instructor		\$278,071
24		Research Professor		\$245,440
25		Family Practice Coordinator		\$245,219
26		Associate Family Practice Coord.		\$238,558
27		Associate Research Professor		\$231,911
28		Assistant Family Practice Coord.		\$225,233
29		Assistant Research Professor		\$218,966
30	(46)	Department Chairperson	30	\$580,117
31	(47)	Educational Support Pool	297	
32		Instructional Dev. Specialist II		\$180,962
33		Education Coordinator		\$177,413
34		Clinic Instructor		\$154,737
35		Instructional Dev. Specialist I		\$146,759
36		Educational Dev. Specialist I		\$116,648

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

1	Director of Clinic Nursing		\$168,334
2	Asst. Adm. Patient Care		\$162,079
3	Director of Medical Records		\$156,206
4	Hospital Financial Manager		\$150,157
5	Biomedical Equipment Tech II		\$146,759
6	Medical Services Admin.		\$136,278
7	Research/Clinical Programs Manager		\$133,114
8	Manager Medical Ancillary Services		\$111,597
9	Biomedical Equipment Tech I		\$110,666
10	Clinical Interpreter		\$109,713
11	Medical Services Mgr.		\$104,405
12	RN Clinical Coordinator		\$97,619
13	Lab Mgr. Adm.		\$96,409
14	Dietician		\$75,103
15	Medical Diagnostic Analyst		\$64,199
16	Hospital Program Services Asst.		\$57,071
17	Dietetic Technician		\$54,877
18	Hospital Technician		\$54,877
19	(54) Nursing Services	3,226	
20	Senior Nurse Anesthetist		\$279,635
21	Nurse Anesthetist		\$209,232
22	Registered Nurse IV		\$199,601
23	Physician Assistant		\$186,643
24	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse		\$182,290
25	Specialty Registered Nurse		\$182,290
26	Registered Nurse III		\$165,603
27	Certified Nurse Practitioner III		\$159,774
28	Clinical Nursing Specialist II		\$149,916
29	Head Nurse		\$149,916
30	Nurse In-Service Instructor		\$139,020
31	Clinical Nursing Specialist I		\$139,019
32	Certified Nurse Practitioner II		\$138,934
33	Registered Nurse II		\$130,712
34	Registered Nurse I		\$123,508
35	Medical Assistant		\$120,049
36	Certified Nurse Practitioner I		\$116,037

1	LPN II		\$93,751
2	Nursing Unit Coordinator		\$85,832
3	Patient Services Associate		\$78,444
4	LPN I		\$75,928
5	Patient Care Technician		\$61,214
6	Certified Nursing Assistant		\$54,877
7	(55) Medical Ancillary Support	1,714	
8	Pharmacy Specialist		\$241,172
9	Pharmacist III		\$237,058
10	Pharmacist II		\$229,380
11	Pharmacist I		\$199,335
12	Medical Imaging Electrical Engineer		\$188,360
13	Audiologist		\$175,947
14	Certified Technologist III		\$152,322
15	Medical Technologist III		\$151,156
16	Registered Dietitian		\$150,143
17	Nutritionist		\$149,395
18	Clinical Laboratory Supv.		\$139,489
19	Respiratory Therapist Supervisor		\$130,713
20	Clinical Technician III		\$130,712
21	X-Ray Technician III		\$124,826
22	Special Procedures Technician		\$120,048
23	Certified Procedure Coding Spec.		\$120,047
24	Medical Technologist II		\$118,480
25	Certified Technologist II		\$116,037
26	X-Ray Technician II		\$111,162
27	Certified Technologist I		\$108,985
28	Medical Technologist I		\$108,126
29	Med Lab Technician		\$104,845
30	Clinical Technician II		\$102,064
31	X-Ray Technician I		\$97,490
32	Lab Technician III		\$80,663
33	Clinical Technician I		\$79,530
34	Point of Service Coordinator		\$79,530
35	Health Information Svs. Analyst II		\$55,240
36	Health Information Svs. Analyst I		\$48,337

1		Laboratory Assistant		\$42,025
2	(56)	Rehabilitation Therapy Pool	148	
3		Dir. of Rehabilitation Services		\$187,259
4		Dir. of Occupational Therapy		\$162,834
5		Dir. of Physical Therapy		\$162,834
6		Physical Therapist		\$148,579
7		Occupational Therapist		\$141,594
8		Speech Therapist		\$141,594
9		Physical Therapist Assistant		\$125,119
10	(57)	Psychiatry Pool	165	
11		Mental Health Professional II		\$126,135
12		Mental Health Professional I		\$118,979
13		Health Services Specialist II		\$57,071
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
15		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
16	(58)	Food Service Pool	113	
17		Food Preparation Manager		\$66,767
18		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$59,355
19		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$52,766
20		Food Preparation Specialist		\$45,105
21		Food Preparation Technician	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$41,702
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12,761	

24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 25 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the 2026-2027 fiscal
 26 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 27 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 28 purposes: one thousand five hundred sixty-five (1,565) temporary or part-
 29 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 30 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
 31 act for the appropriate classification.

33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 34 to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the
 35 University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services and
 36 operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the

1 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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16 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,

17 to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from cash

18 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and

19 operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the

20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,100,000,000
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000,000
26	(03) OVERTIME	20,000,000
27	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	275,000,000
28	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	705,000,000
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000,000
31	(C) PROF. FEES	45,000,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150,000,000
35	(07) DEBT SERVICE	50,000,000
36	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	

1	INVESTMENTS	40,000,000
2	(09) CHILDREN’S JUSTICE ACT	250,000
3	(10) WAR MEMORIAL PARKING FEES	50,000
4	(11) INDIGENT CARE & BREAST CANCER	
5	RESEARCH PROGRAM GRANTS/AID	10,000,000
6	(12) PHARMACY STUDENT LOANS	<u>550,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,520,850,000</u>

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9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NURSING/MEDICAL LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical
 11 Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for
 12 loans and/or scholarships for rural nursing and advanced nursing match, rural
 13 medical practice and community match, all as may be authorized by law, of the
 14 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June
 15 30, 2027, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(01) ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE COMMUNITY	
20	MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP	
21	PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	\$150,000
22	(02) RURAL ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE	
23	STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	
24	LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
25	(03) RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND	
26	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR	
27	SCHOLARSHIPS	300,000
28	(04) COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND	
29	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR	
30	SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>150,000</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$750,000</u>

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33 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BREAST CANCER RESEARCH. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be
 35 payable from the Breast Cancer Research Fund, for allocation to the Breast
 36 Cancer Research Program for education, outreach, research and grants related

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

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

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 10 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER. There
 11 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,
 12 to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for providing
 13 additional support for the Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center of the
 14 College of Pharmacy of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for
 15 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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 22 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PROGRAMS AND
 23 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for
 24 Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Domestic Peace Fund, for operations
 25 of domestic violence shelter programs and statewide grants to domestic
 26 violence shelters by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences -
 27 Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission for the fiscal year
 28 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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 36 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROGRAMS. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to
 2 be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for child
 3 abuse and neglect expenses and grants of the University of Arkansas for
 4 Medical Sciences - Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission for
 5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH CHILD 10 ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING 11 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GRANTS TO STATE 12 AGENCIES, CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS, 13 CHILD SAFETY CENTERS, AND OTHER 14 ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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 16 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND
 17 DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of
 18 Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas
 19 Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants of
 20 the Building Effective Services for Trauma programs for children and
 21 adolescents by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal
 22 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26 (01) PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE 27 EXPENSES FOR TRAINING, TREATMENT, 28 COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, & PERSONAL 29 SERVICES	\$1,393,325
30 (02) DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS EXPENSES FOR 31 TRAINING, TREATMENT, & ADVOCATE 32 EDUCATION	521,951
33 (03) DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS EXPENSES FOR 34 MEDICAL EXAMINATION, CONSULTATION, 35 EDUCATION, & TRAINING	<u>208,781</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,124,057</u>

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 2 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UAMS - HEALTH DATA INITIATIVE. There is
 3 hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to
 4 be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal
 5 services, operating expenses and grants of the University of Arkansas for
 6 Medical Sciences - Health Data Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 7 2027, the following:

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

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 13 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM.
 14 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical
 15 Sciences, to be payable from the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative
 16 Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, travel, grants, and
 17 contracts of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Newborn
 18 Umbilical Cord Blood Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 19 following:

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

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 27 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND RESEARCH.
 28 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical
 29 Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund,
 30 for personal services, operating expenses, programmatic and other costs
 31 associated with the research and screening of colorectal cancer by the
 32 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June
 33 30, 2027, the following:

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

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

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3 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM. There
 4 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,
 5 to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for
 6 personal services and operating expenses of establishing and operating Sickle
 7 Cell Clinics and Outreach Efforts of the University of Arkansas for Medical
 8 Sciences - Adult Sickle Cell Disease Program for the fiscal year ending June
 9 30, 2027, the following:

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

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17 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM. There
 18 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,
 19 to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal
 20 services and operating expenses of the certified nurse midwifery program of
 21 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending
 22 June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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30 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WINTHROP P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE.
 31 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical
 32 Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 33 National Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund, for personal services and
 34 operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences -
 35 Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 36 2027, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,503,906
5	(02) OVERTIME	15,000
6	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,181,094
7	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,000,000
9	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	300,000
10	(C) PROF. FEES	0
11	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,000,000
12	(E) DATA PROC.	0
13	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,000,000
14	(06) WPRCI CONNECT NURSE NAVIGATION	
15	PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>1,350,000</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,350,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - PANS/PANDAS. There is hereby

19 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be

20 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal

21 services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical

22 Sciences - PANS/PANDAS Clinic and Programs for the fiscal year ending June

23 30, 2027, the following:

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

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30 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BREAST MILK BANK. There is hereby

31 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be

32 payable from the Breast Milk Bank Special Fund, for personal services and

33 operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences -

34 Arkansas Breast Milk Bank for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

35 following:

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

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6 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - MATERNAL HEALTH WORKFORCE. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be

8 payable from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health

9 Workforce Trust Fund, for financial aid and programs in education and

10 training for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health

11 Workforce for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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18 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - SANE PROGRAM. There is hereby

19 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be

20 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

21 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating

22 expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Sexual Assault

23 Nurse Examiner Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

24 following:

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

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32 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING

34 TRANSFER NCI DESIGNATION TRUST FUND. (i) From time to time at the request of

35 the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or his or

36 her designee, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or

1 her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State funds
2 from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund or from cash funds
3 payable from the Appropriation – Cash Funds in this Act to the National
4 Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund. (ii) No fund transfer authorized in
5 subsection (i) herein shall be implemented until the Chief Fiscal Officer of
6 the State has determined sufficient funding is available to be transferred,
7 and the transfer has received prior review by the Arkansas Legislative
8 Council or, if meeting in Regular or Fiscal Session, the Joint Budget
9 Committee.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
11 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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13 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DOMESTIC
15 VIOLENCE SHELTER GRANTS. The grants authorized in the Domestic Violence
16 Shelter Programs and Grants appropriation section of this act shall be
17 equally distributed to domestic violence shelters as determined by the
18 Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission. The Arkansas Child
19 Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission may adopt rules and regulations to
20 carry out the intent of the General Assembly regarding the grant
21 appropriations authorized in the Domestic Violence Shelter Programs and
22 Grants appropriation section of this act.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
24 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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26 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL
28 SCHOOL LIMITATION. Nothing in this Act shall create an additional medical
29 school in the State of Arkansas, but it recognizes that appropriations,
30 funding and allocations in this Act may be used by the University of Arkansas
31 for Medical Sciences to support satellite campuses or programs outside the
32 City of Little Rock in order to conduct or continue training of its medical,
33 nursing, pharmacy and allied health students, as well as its medical
34 residents.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
36 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND TRANSFER AUTHORIZED. Thirty-three and one-third percent (33-1/3%), in each fiscal year, of the amounts made available to fund the appropriation in the Grants to Children's Hospital, Regular Salaries and Operating Expenses for Indigent Care line item of the Operations appropriation section of this Act shall be distributed to the Arkansas Children's Hospital or Arkansas Children's Hospital may request that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal year from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match federal funds used for supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of the general revenue funds provided by this Act which remains at the close of a fiscal year, not to exceed ten percent (10%) of funded appropriations, shall be carried forward and made available for the same purposes for the next fiscal year.

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

- (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;
- (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written

1 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
2 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
3 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc.
4 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty
5 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution
6 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
7 Committee; and

8 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
9 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
10 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
12 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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14 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

16 ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GROWTH POOL". (a) The Arkansas Division of Higher
17 Education shall establish and maintain for the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal
18 year a pool of six hundred (600) non-classified positions. A position
19 established under this section shall not exceed the salary rate of the
20 highest maximum annual salary rate authorized by the General Assembly in the
21 institution's appropriation act. These positions are to be used by the
22 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the event that the personal
23 services needs of the University during the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year
24 exceed the number of positions allocated to the University by the
25 Legislature. The University shall provide justification to the Arkansas
26 Division of Higher Education for the need to allocate titles from this
27 "growth pool". No titles will be assigned to the pool until such time as
28 specific positions are requested by the University, approved by the
29 University Board or their designee, and approved by the Legislative Council
30 or Joint Budget Committee.

31 (b) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency
32 is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by
33 delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying the job titles and
34 the maximum grade or salary attached to those salaries. The General Assembly
35 has determined that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences could be
36 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution.

1 That flexibility is being accomplished by providing growth pools in
2 subsection (a) of this section and since the General Assembly has granted the
3 institution broad powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary
4 and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the
5 utilization of the growth pool by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the growth pool.
7 Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
8 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
9 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
10 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
11 void.

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

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
16 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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18 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CHILD
20 HEALTH AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE. The Child Health and Family Life Institute
21 shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Children's Hospital.
22 Arkansas Children's Hospital shall enter into a cooperative agreement and/or
23 contract with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences-Department of
24 Pediatrics for services required to deliver the programs of the Child Health
25 and Family Life Institute (CHFLI). Utilizing a multidisciplinary
26 collaboration of professionals, CHFLI shall provide a statewide effort to
27 explore, develop and evaluate new and better ways to address medically,
28 socially and economically interrelated health and developmental needs of
29 children with special health care needs and their families. CHFLI priorities
30 shall include, but are not limited to, wellness and prevention, screening and
31 diagnosis, treatment and intervention, training and education and research
32 and evaluation. Arkansas Children's Hospital and the University of Arkansas
33 for Medical Sciences-Department of Pediatrics shall make annual reports to
34 the Arkansas Legislative Council on all matters of funding, existing programs
35 and services offered through CHFLI.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~

1 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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3 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PARKING
5 FEES. On July 1 of each year the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
6 shall pay from the appropriation provided herein from non-general revenue,
7 the total amount appropriated for War Memorial Parking Services from Fees to
8 War Memorial.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
10 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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12 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
14 PROVISIONS. Because the Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship
15 Program Loans and/or Scholarships and the Community Match Student Loan and
16 Scholarship Program Loans and/or Scholarships have the goal of providing
17 primary care physicians in rural Arkansas, transfers may be made in such
18 amounts as are required between the line items made in the appropriation for
19 "Medical Loans and Scholarships".

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
21 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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23 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLINICAL
25 EXPANSION AND RESEARCH POOL. (a) In order to address personnel needs emerging
26 from expanding medical research and patient care issues and the necessity of
27 recruiting and retaining qualified medical, research, and related support
28 personnel, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or its successor
29 is authorized for the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year a pool of seven hundred
30 (700) "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" positions. These positions are
31 to be used by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the event
32 that the personal services needs resulting from unanticipated clinical or
33 research programs that are initiated during the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal
34 year require additional positions, either in title, in classification, or in
35 number, that are not authorized or contemplated by the General Assembly in
36 the Regular Salaries - Operations section of this Act.

1 (b) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is authorized to
2 access the "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" positions authorized in
3 this Section at any time during the fiscal year when it is determined by the
4 Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, subject to the
5 review and approval by the Board of Trustees, that the need for additional
6 positions exists. Only medical or research positions shall be established
7 under this provision. The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for
8 Medical Sciences shall provide a quarterly report detailing the justification
9 of allocation of positions from this "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool"
10 to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to the Arkansas Division of Higher
11 Education, and to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
12 for review. The report shall also include an accounting of the names, titles
13 and salaries of personnel who have been employed in positions established
14 from this pool and the source and duration of funds associated with the
15 positions.

16 (c) If the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences requests
17 continuation of any "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" position(s) as
18 established herein during the next fiscal year, the position(s) must be
19 requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.

20 (d) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency
21 is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by
22 delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying job titles and the
23 maximum grade or salary attached to those titles. The General Assembly has
24 determined that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences could be
25 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution.
26 That flexibility is being accomplished by providing a position pool in
27 Subsection (a) of this Section and since the General Assembly has granted the
28 agency broad powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary and
29 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization
30 of the position pool by requiring review of the Legislative Council or Joint
31 Budget Committee in the utilization of the position pool. Therefore, the
32 requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is
33 not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of review by the
34 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
35 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025

1 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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3 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ABUSED
5 CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDING PROVISION. In the event
6 the amount of general revenue distributed to the University of Arkansas
7 Medical Center Fund for the Department of Pediatrics and the Psychiatric
8 Research Institute each fiscal year is at least equal to the amount
9 distributed during the 2012-13 fiscal year, an amount not less than seven
10 hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) shall be allocated and made available as
11 follows: four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) each fiscal year
12 shall be made available exclusively to support the purposes and goals to
13 improve screening, monitoring and care for abused children and adolescents
14 through the Child Safety Centers or the University of Arkansas for Medical
15 Sciences as referred by the Child Safety Centers. Maintenance of statewide
16 screening and assessment protocols as well as evidence-based training of
17 mental health professionals are to be considered critical components of the
18 overall goals. For the provision of assessment and therapeutic services,
19 these funds are to be provided to the Child Safety Centers through contracts
20 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The contracts will
21 stipulate the terms of the agreement and reporting requirements; an amount
22 not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) may be utilized for
23 administrative costs as may be necessary to administer the program or if
24 determined not to be needed for administrative costs may be placed in reserve
25 for future needs of the program. The remaining two hundred thousand dollars
26 (\$200,000) shall be allocated and made available to the Department of
27 Pediatrics for expenses for medical examinations, consultation, education and
28 training as stipulated in the terms of agreement between the Chancellor of
29 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the Department of
30 Pediatrics.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
32 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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34 SECTION 32. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

1 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
4 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
5 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
6 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
7 disbursement of said funds.

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9 SECTION 33. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
10 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
11 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
12 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
13 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
14 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
15 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
16 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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18 SECTION 34. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
19 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
20 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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