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State of Arkansas
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As Engrossed: S1/30/23

A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
ACUPUNCTURE AND RELATED TECHNIQUES. There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of
Acupuncture and Related Techniques for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$2,999
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0



1	(C) PROF. FEES	8,001
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,000</u></u>

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6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF

7 ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS. There is hereby appropriated, to the

8 Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State

9 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal

10 services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - State Board of

11 Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors for the fiscal year ending

12 June 30, 2024, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,400
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	566
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	14,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$31,966</u></u>

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26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF

27 ATHLETIC TRAINING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

28 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as

29 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services

30 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of

31 Athletic Training for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$480
36	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	37

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,517</u></u>

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9 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF

10 CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS. There is hereby established for the Department of

11 Health - Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the 2023-2024

12 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

14		Maximum Annual
15		Salary Rate
16	Item Class	Fiscal Year
17	No. Code Title	2023-2024
18	(1) X087C ADH ASBCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1 GRADE GS06
19	(2) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u> GRADE GS06
20	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF

23 CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

24 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as

25 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services

26 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of

27 Chiropractic Examiners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the

28 following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	NO.	2023-2024
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$91,813
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	33,663
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500

1	(C) PROF. FEES	12,672
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$200,648</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
 7 IN COUNSELING. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 8 Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
 9 following maximum number of regular employees.

10			Maximum Annual
11		Maximum	Salary Rate
12		No. of	Fiscal Year
13	Item Class	Employees	2023-2024
14	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(1) N176N ADH EXEC DIR COUNSELING BD	1	GRADE GS11
16	(2) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
17	(3) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
18	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

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 20 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING.
 21 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
 22 Examiners in Counseling for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum
 23 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 24 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary
 25 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 26 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 27 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 29 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
 30 COUNSELING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 31 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 32 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 33 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Examiners in
 34 Counseling for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$219,607
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	4,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	79,241
5	(04) OVERTIME	12,000
6	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	113,800
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
9	(C) PROF. FEES	11,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$443,648</u></u>

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14 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 15 DENTAL EXAMINERS. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 16 Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
 17 following maximum number of regular employees.

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19			Maximum Annual
20		Maximum	Salary Rate
21	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
22	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
23	(1) X027C ADH DENTAL EXAMINERS BD EXEC DIR	1	GRADE GS10
24	(2) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
25	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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27 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL
 28 EXAMINERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 29 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 31 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Dental
 32 Examiners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$150,879

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,759
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	114,637
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,166
5	(C) PROF. FEES	42,126
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(04) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>5,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$365,567</u></u>

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11 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS
 12 LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 13 Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
 14 following maximum number of regular employees.

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16		Maximum Annual
17		Salary Rate
18	Item Class	Fiscal Year
19	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20	(1) X141C ADH DIETETICS LICENSING BD SECRETARY	<u>1</u> GRADE GS01
21	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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23 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS LICENSING
 24 BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 25 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 26 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 27 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board for
 28 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$23,684
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,370
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,054</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 13. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF
 7 DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There is hereby established for the Department of
 8 Health - Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians for the 2023-2024 fiscal
 9 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

10			Maximum Annual
11		Maximum	Salary Rate
12		No. of	Fiscal Year
13	Item Class	Employees	2023-2024
14	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
15	(1) X184C ADH OPTICIANS BD SECRETARY TREASURER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
16	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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 18 SECTION 14. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There
 19 is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
 20 Dispensing Opticians for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum
 21 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 22 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary
 23 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 24 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 25 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 27 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING
 28 OPTICIANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 29 payable from the Board of Dispensing Opticians' Fund, for personal services
 30 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
 31 Dispensing Opticians for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

32		FISCAL YEAR
33	ITEM	2023-2024
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$31,294
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,200

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,714
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	23,900
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>200</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$70,308</u></u>

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11 SECTION 16. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT
12 DISPENSERS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health -
13 Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the 2023-2024 fiscal
14 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
15 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
16 purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
17 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
18 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
19 classification.

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21 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING
22 INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
23 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
24 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
25 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
26 Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
27 following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
31	(01) EXTRA HELP	\$30,200
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,328
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	17,800
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
36	(C) PROF. FEES	350

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,678</u></u>

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5 SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL
 6 BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas
 7 State Medical Board for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum
 8 number of regular employees.

10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2023-2024
14	(1) U134U ADH EXEC DIR AR STATE MEDICAL BD	1 GRADE SE01
15	(2) D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1 GRADE IT07
16	(3) D065C NETWORK SUPPORT ANALYST	1 GRADE IT04
17	(4) D064C WEBSITE DEVELOPER	2 GRADE IT04
18	(5) G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1 GRADE GS10
19	(6) R019C BUDGET MANAGER	1 GRADE GS09
20	(7) X030C REGULATORY BOARD CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	1 GRADE GS08
21	(8) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4 GRADE GS06
22	(9) E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	1 GRADE GS06
23	(10) G187C CREDENTIALING COORDINATION SUPERVISOR	2 GRADE GS05
24	(11) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1 GRADE GS04
25	(12) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2 GRADE GS04
26	(13) C045C LICENSING COORDINATOR	<u>16</u> GRADE GS04
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	34

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29 SECTION 19. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD. There is hereby
 30 authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Medical Board for
 31 the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 32 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 33 appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time
 34 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 35 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 36 for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Medical Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,546,292
(02) EXTRA HELP	24,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	589,612
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,379,645
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,000
(C) PROF. FEES	21,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>7,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,587,549</u></u>

SECTION 21. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2023-2024</u>
(1)	U096U ADH ASBN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	L018N NURSE PRACTITIONER	1	GRADE MP04
(3)	L009C NURSE MANAGER	3	GRADE MP03
(4)	L026C ADH NURSING PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE MP02
(5)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT07

1	(6) D084C COMPUTER OPERATOR	1	GRADE IT02
2	(7) G013N ADH ASBN GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS12
3	(8) G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
4	(9) G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
5	(10) X030C REGULATORY BOARD CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS08
6	(11) C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(12) P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
8	(13) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
9	(14) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
10	(15) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
11	(16) C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS04
12	(17) C045C LICENSING COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS04
13	(18) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS03
14	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	30	

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16 SECTION 22. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING.
 17 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State
 18 Board of Nursing for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 19 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 20 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-
 21 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 22 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
 23 act for the appropriate classification.

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25 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 26 NURSING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 27 payable from the State Board of Nursing Fund, for personal services and
 28 operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of
 29 Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,817,815
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	622,517
36	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,040,914
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	43,448
3	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>1,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,532,694</u></u>

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9 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - SCHOLAR

10 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas

11 State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the

12 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

13 the Nursing Student Loan Program to make student loans for the fiscal year

14 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
18	(01) NURSING STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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20 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - NURSING

21 EDUCATION WORKSHOPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

22 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as

23 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses

24 of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing - Nursing

25 Education Workshops for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
29	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$14,325
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$16,325</u></u>

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SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - ARKANSAS CENTER FOR NURSING GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the State Board of Nursing Fund, for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Center for Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) ARKANSAS CENTER FOR NURSING GRANT	<u>\$173,000</u>

SECTION 27. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - State Board of Optometry for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	X145C ADH BD OF OPTOMETRY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS06
(2)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - State Board of Optometry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$85,604
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	32,758
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	32,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	35,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$185,362</u></u>

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 8 SECTION 29. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 9 PHARMACY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 10 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following
 11 maximum number of regular employees.

12			Maximum Annual
13		Maximum	Salary Rate
14		No. of	Fiscal Year
15	Item Class	Employees	2023-2024
16	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
17	(1) N001N ADH DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY BOARD	1	GRADE MP08
18	(2) L015N ADH ASST PHARMACY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MP07
19	(3) L107C ADH ASBP PHARMACIST INSPECTOR	3	GRADE MP06
20	(4) G041N ADH ASPB GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
21	(5) A023C ADH PHARMACY BOARD CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
22	(6) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
23	(7) D087C DATABASE COORD/BUSINESS LICENSE ANALYST <u>1</u>		GRADE GS05
24	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

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 26 SECTION 30. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY. There is
 27 hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of
 28 Pharmacy for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 29 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 30 appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) temporary or part-time
 31 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 32 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 33 for the appropriate classification.

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 35 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 36 PHARMACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be

1 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 2 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 3 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for
 4 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

5	6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
8	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,176,687
9	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
10	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	332,221
11	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	586,985
13	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	29,120
14	(C) PROF. FEES	0
15	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16	(E) DATA PROC.	0
17	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	3,000
18	(06) IMPAIRED PHARMACIST PROGRAM	<u>50,000</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,208,013</u></u>

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21 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY - PHARMACY
 22 STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 23 Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, to be payable from
 24 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 25 Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants to colleges of pharmacy in Arkansas
 26 for pharmacy student loans and scholarships for the fiscal year ending June
 27 30, 2024, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
31	(01) PHARMACY STUDENT LOANS/SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>\$400,000</u>

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33 SECTION 33. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 34 PHYSICAL THERAPY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 35 Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
 36 following maximum number of regular employees.

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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	X050C	ADH PHYSICAL THERAPY BD EXEC DIR	1	GRADE GS08
(2)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$109,298
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	38,659
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	89,833
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	8,490
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$246,280</u></u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,800
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	138
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,052
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	250
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,240</u></u>

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12 SECTION 36. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD.
 13 There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas
 14 Psychology Board for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 15 of regular employees.

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17			Maximum Annual
18		Maximum	Salary Rate
19	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
20	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
21	(1) X140C ADH APB ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS06
22	(2) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
23	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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25 SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD.
 26 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from
 27 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 28 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 29 the Department of Health - Arkansas Psychology Board for the fiscal year
 30 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$88,797
35	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	34,257
36	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	61,540
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	24,727
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$212,321</u></u>

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 8 SECTION 38. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
 9 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby established for the
 10 Department of Health - Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
 11 Audiology for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 12 regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
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No. of	Fiscal Year	
Employees	2023-2024	
1	(1) L059C ADH ABSLPA DIRECTOR	GRADE GS08
1	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	

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 21 SECTION 39. EXTRA HELP - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
 22 PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of
 23 Health - Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for
 24 the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 25 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 26 appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time
 27 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 28 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 29 for the appropriate classification.

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 31 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-
 32 LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 33 Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 34 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 35 services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Board of
 36 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$53,209
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,070
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,516
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,250
11 (C) PROF. FEES	12,800
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$151,845</u></u>

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16 SECTION 41. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD
 17 COMMISSION. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 18 Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following
 19 maximum number of regular employees.

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21	22	23	24	Maximum Annual
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year	Salary Rate
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
25 (1)	U006U	ADH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SPINAL CORD COMM	1	GRADE GS12
26 (2)	D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT05
27 (3)	M013C	ADH SPINAL CORD COMN CLIENT SVS ADMIN	1	GRADE GS09
28 (4)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
29 (5)	L098C	CERTIFIED VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	7	GRADE GS08
30 (6)	M026C	LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS07
31 (7)	L051C	REHABILITATION COUNSELOR	9	GRADE GS06
32 (8)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
33 (9)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS03
34		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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36 SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - STATE

1 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 2 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services
 3 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord
 4 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 NO.	2023-2024
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,220,316
9 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	460,023
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	219,888
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,620
13 (C) PROF. FEES	19,065
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (04) LONG TERM ATTENDANT CARE	261,610
17 (05) SPINAL TREATMENT PROGRAM	<u>772,000</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,968,522</u></u>

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20 SECTION 43. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD
 21 COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 22 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 23 the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas
 24 Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
 25 following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 NO.	2023-2024
29 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
32 (C) PROF. FEES	5,000
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,000</u></u>

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1 SECTION 44. APPROPRIATION - CASH - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION.
 2 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from
 3 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 4 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of
 5 Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 6 2024, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 NO.	2023-2024
10 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
13 (C) PROF. FEES	10,000
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,000</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 45. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK
 19 LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 20 Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
 21 following maximum number of regular employees.

24	25	26	27	28	29	Maximum Annual
Item	Class	No. of	No. of	Title	Employees	Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Employees	Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	Employees	Title	Employees	2023-2024
27	(1)	X135C ADH SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BD EXEC DIR	1			GRADE GS08
28	(2)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>			GRADE GS04
29		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2			

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 31 SECTION 46. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD. There
 32 is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Social Work
 33 Licensing Board for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 34 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 35 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-
 36 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in

1 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
2 act for the appropriate classification.

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4 SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING
5 BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
6 payable from the Social Work Licensing Fund, for personal services and
7 operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Social Work
8 Licensing Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$116,308
(02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,629
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	7,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$217,437</u></u>

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24 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
26 STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR CONSUMER
27 COMPLAINTS. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of the available appropriation in
28 the Professional Fees Line item of this act shall be made available to the
29 board for the purpose of contracting an independent or private investigator
30 for investigative services regarding complaints submitted by consumers.

31 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall contract
32 with an outside investigator as needed to perform investigations and conduct
33 inspections of alleged wrongdoing.

34 (2) An outside investigator contracted under subdivision (a)(1) of
35 this section shall have expertise or background in the subject matter in
36 which he or she is being contracted to investigate.

1 (b) The duties of an investigator hired under this section shall
2 include without limitation investigation and inspection of all complaints, as
3 determined by the board, to determine whether a person has:

4 (1) Practiced his or her profession in such a way as to endanger the general
5 health and welfare of the public; or

6 (2) Otherwise violated this chapter or rules of the board.

7 (c)(1) The board shall file a report annually on or before December 1
8 with the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the
9 House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs for the
10 committees' review.

11 (2) The report shall include:

12 (A) The number of complaints that have been filed;

13 (B) A list of who has been investigated and the purported
14 violation; and

15 (C) A summary of the findings of each investigation.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
17 ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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19 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
21 STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD, STATE BOARD OF
22 OPTOMETRY - EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in this
23 Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment for
24 services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in
25 writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the
26 required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the
27 requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall
28 determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the
29 requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the
30 agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend
31 monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefore, if:

32 (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that such
33 agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

34 (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the
35 legal counsel to be retained by the agency, and

36 (3) The Attorney General receives confirmation in writing from the Agency

1 that the agency will re-advertise annually for legal counsel if outside legal
2 counsel is hired and that any amount to be paid for outside legal counsel
3 will be reviewed and approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
4 Budget Committee.

5 Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of
6 the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with
7 respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such
8 certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and
9 shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
11 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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13 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
15 STATE MEDICAL BOARD - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The State Medical Board is hereby
16 authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$25 from each licensed
17 physician licensed by the State Medical Board each year to be paid by the
18 State Medical Board to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare
19 professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and
20 monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse
21 problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the
22 continued availability of skilled and highly trained medical professionals
23 for the benefit of the public.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
25 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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27 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
29 STATE BOARD OF NURSING - FUNDING TRANSFER. The Arkansas State Board of
30 Nursing may request a fund transfer in an amount not to exceed one hundred
31 thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year from the State Board of Nursing
32 Fund to the cash in State Treasury fund as determined by the Chief Fiscal
33 Officer of the State to provide funds for the Student Loan Program
34 appropriation provided herein. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of
35 the State, the amount requested shall be transferred on his or her books and
36 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
2 ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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4 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title
5 17, Chapter 100, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to
6 codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

7 17-100-208. Outside investigators.

8 (a)(1) The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
9 Audiology shall contract with an outside investigator as needed to perform
10 investigations and conduct inspections of alleged wrongdoing.

11 (2) An outside investigator contacted under subdivision (a)(1) of
12 this section shall have expertise or background in the subject matter in
13 which he or she is being contracted to investigate.

14 (b) The duties of an investigator hired under this section shall
15 include without limitation investigation and inspection of all complaints, as
16 determined by the board, to determine whether a person has:

17 (1) Practiced his or her profession in such a way as to endanger
18 the general health and welfare of the public; or

19 (2) Otherwise violated this chapter or rules of the board.

20 (c)(1) The board shall file a report annually on or before December 1 with
21 the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the House
22 Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs for the committees'
23 review.

24 (2) The report shall include:

25 (A) The number of complaints that have been filed;

26 (B) A list of who has been investigated and the purported
27 violation; and

28 (C) A summary of the findings of each investigation.

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30 SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

32 ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - LINE ITEM TRANSFER. Any savings made in the
33 State Appropriation may, after receiving advice and approval of the
34 Department of Finance and Administration, be transferred to the Spinal
35 Treatment Program.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~

1 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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3 SECTION 54. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
4 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
6 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
9 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
10 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
11 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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13 SECTION 55. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
15 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
16 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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22 SECTION 56. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
23 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
24 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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34 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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