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**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Health – Licensing and Regulation Boards.

Please amend SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS – ARKANSAS DIETETICS LICENSING BOARD as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(X)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE SGS04</u>
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>± 2</u>	

The above request adds one (1) new position and is necessary due to the significant increase of licensees handled by the board and the implementation of a licensure compact.

Please amend SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS LICENSING BOARD as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	<u>\$47,260</u> <u>\$90,348</u>
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>18,775</u> <u>28,672</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$71,035</u> <u>\$124,020</u>

The above request is necessary to adjust the Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriations for the newly requested position.

Please amend SECTION 21. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING as follows:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(13)	MNU04P	NURSE PRACTITIONER	<u>4</u> <u>2</u>	GRADE MED08
(15)	MNU06P	REGISTERED NURSE	<u>3</u> <u>5</u>	GRADE MED05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>30</u> <u>33</u>	

The above request transfers three (3) positions from the Department of Health to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and is necessary due to the significant increase of investigations and to support the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee (FIPCC).

Please amend SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	<u>\$1,983,688</u> <u>\$2,228,273</u>
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>689,959</u> <u>746,142</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,766,009</u> <u>\$4,066,777</u>

The above request is necessary to adjust the Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriations for the three (3) transferred positions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 4

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - LICENSING AND REGULATION
BOARDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 4

Amend Senate Bill 4 as originally introduced:

Page 6, line 19, delete " 1" and substitute "1"

AND

Page 6, immediately following line 19 insert an additional item to read as follows:

"(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR 1 GRADE SGS04"

AND

Page 6, line 20, delete "1" and substitute "2"

AND

Page 6, line 31, delete "\$47,260" and substitute "\$90,348"

AND

Page 6, line 32, delete "18,775" and substitute "28,672"

AND

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Page 7, line 3, delete "\$71,035" and substitute "\$124,020"

AND

Page 11, line 7, delete "1" and substitute "2"

AND

Page 11, line 9, delete "3" and substitute "5"

AND

Page 11, line 12, delete "30" and substitute "33"

AND

Page 11, line 31, delete "\$1,983,688" and substitute "\$2,228,273"

AND

Page 11, line 33, delete "689,959" and substitute "746,142"

AND

Page 12, line 5, delete "\$3,766,009" and substitute "\$4,066,777".

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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Secretary