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94th General Assembly

# A Bill

Regular Session, 2023

HOUSE BILL 1508

By: Representative Ladyman

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF  
VARIOUS EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -  
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -  
ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY -  
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT APPROPRIATION FOR  
THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, *the establishment of a statewide grant program* of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2022-2023
(01) STATEWIDE GRANT PROGRAM	<u>\$8,000,000</u>

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE  
ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY  
LAW. ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY GRANTS. The Arkansas State  
Board of Pharmacy is hereby authorized to establish a statewide grant



program for the reimbursement of various expenses borne by pharmacies who experienced significant financial and economic burden in responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. These discretionary grants shall be available to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals on their board, and that provide for the support of pharmacists as partners in integrated healthcare who are engaged in patient care management and medication care services. Grants shall be expended from monies authorized herein and used exclusively for the reimbursement of various expenses borne by pharmacies to safeguard the health and well-being of every Arkansan. Grants provided under this section are contingent on the availability of funding.

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

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

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the  
2 operations of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy are, due to unforeseen  
3 circumstances, insufficient for the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy to  
4 continue to provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of  
5 this act will provide the necessary monies for the Arkansas State Board of  
6 Pharmacy to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective date of  
7 this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and  
8 provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is  
9 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force  
11 and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

12 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall  
13 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the  
14 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the  
15 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house  
16 overrides the veto

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