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2 93rd General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1294

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
10 UNIVERSITY - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
16 - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is
25 hereby established for the Arkansas State University - Arkansas Biosciences
26 Institute for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
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Item	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	No. of	Salary Rate
Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
		2021-2022
<u>ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE</u>		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Exec. Dir. of Biosciences Institute	1 \$215,105



1	(2)	Director, Research & Tech Transfer	1	\$201,658
2	(3)	Asst. Director, Biosciences Institute	1	\$113,499
3	(4)	Project/Program Administrator	6	
4		Project/Program Director		\$112,748
5		Project/Program Manager		\$102,176
6		Project/Program Specialist		\$88,156
7	(5)	Research Assistant	3	\$73,141
8	(6)	Skilled Trades Pool	1	
9		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$61,593
10		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$59,224
11		Skilled Tradesman		\$56,946
12		Skilled Trades Helper		\$43,274
13		Apprentice Tradesman		\$38,471
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
15		<u>CLASSIFIED POSITIONS</u>		
16	(7)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
17		Administrative Assistant		GRADE C115
18		Administrative Analyst		GRADE C115
19		Administrative Support Supervisor		GRADE C113
20		Administrative Specialist III		GRADE C112
21		Administration Support Specialist		GRADE C112
22		Administrative Specialist II		GRADE C109
23		Administrative Support Specialist		GRADE C109
24		Administrative Specialist I		GRADE C106
25	(8)	Laboratory Coordinator	1	GRADE C111
26	(9)	Institutional Svcs. Assistant	3	GRADE C103
27		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(10)	Research Associate	3	\$122,170
30	(11)	Research Graduate Assistant	10	\$47,658
31		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
32		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
33	(12)	Faculty	7	
34		Research Professor		\$197,535
35		Research Associate Professor		\$186,645
36		Research Assistant Professor		\$176,228

1 provided by this act.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
3 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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5 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
7 PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act
8 may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each
9 appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be
10 made only after the approval of the Department of Higher Education and the
11 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
27 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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29 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
31 POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the
32 State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding
33 any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event
34 that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.
35 (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when
36 such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized

1 by the Governor.

2 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section
 3 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the
 4 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

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

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
 9 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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11 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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23 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

25 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds
 26 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act
 27 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was
 28 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,
 29 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the
 30 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,
 31 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas
 32 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and
 33 adoption.

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35 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

1 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
2 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
3 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
4 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
5 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
6 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
7 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
8 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
9 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.

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