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HOUSE BILL 1094

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 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
11 TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS FOR THE
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
17 TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION
18 PROGRAMS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
19 FISCAL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION
26 PROGRAMS. There is hereby established for the Department of Health Tobacco
27 Prevention and Cessation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum
28 number of regular employees.
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				Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year
Item	Class		Maximum	
No.	Code	Title	No. of	2025-2026
			Employees	
34	(1)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	14	GRADE MP01
35	(2)	L013C ADH BRANCH MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
36	(3)	L025C ADH PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION CHIEF III	1	GRADE GS10



1	(4)	L029C ADH PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION CHIEF II	1	GRADE GS09
2	(5)	L028C EPIDEMIOLOGIST	1	GRADE GS09
3	(6)	L113C ADH SUICIDE PREV CALL CENTER SPEC	1	GRADE GS08
4	(7)	L043C HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS08
5	(8)	L048C HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE GS07
6	(9)	L039C NUTRITIONIST	1	GRADE GS07
7	(10)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
8	(11)	X102C ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
9	(12)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
10	(13)	L053C HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST I	4	GRADE GS06
11	(14)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
12	(15)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
13		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	31	

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS.

16 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health Tobacco Prevention
 17 and Cessation Programs for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum
 18 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 19 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) temporary
 20 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 21 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 22 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS.

25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from
 26 the Prevention and Cessation Program Account, for personal services and
 27 operating expenses of the Department of Health - Tobacco Prevention and
 28 Cessation Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,733,483
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	600,006
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	185,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	2,278,900
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) TOBACCO PREVENTION & CESSATION EXP	9,221,071
6	(06) EXP. NUTRITION & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	<u>603,629</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,697,089</u>

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9 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 11 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be
 12 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as
 13 provided by this act.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 15 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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17 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFERS
 19 OF APPROPRIATIONS. In the event the amount of any of the budget
 20 classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by
 21 the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head
 22 may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 23 of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In
 24 that event, he shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for
 25 which he is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his
 26 reasons therefor. In no event shall the total amount of the budget exceed
 27 either the amount of the appropriation or the amount of the funds available,
 28 nor shall any transfer be made from the capital outlay or data processing
 29 subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided
 30 by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when
 31 determined by the Department of Transformation & Shared Services - Division
 32 of Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can
 33 be performed on a more cost-efficient basis by the Department of
 34 Transformation & Shared Services - Division of Information Systems than
 35 through the purchase of data processing equipment by that state agency. In
 36 considering the proposed modification as prepared and submitted by each state

1 agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall make such studies as he
2 deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining
3 the approval of the Legislative Council, approve the requested transfer if in
4 his opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

5 The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be
6 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and
7 that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer
8 between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General
9 Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of
10 appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
11 Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring
12 prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer
13 authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council
14 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
15 the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
16 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
18 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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20 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
22 POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the
23 State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding
24 any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event
25 that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.
26 (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when
27 such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized
28 by the Governor.
29 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section
30 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the
31 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.
32 (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this
33 section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional
34 Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
36 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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2 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TOBACCO
4 FUND TRANSFER. The Arkansas Department of Health is authorized to transfer
5 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the fiscal year ending June 30,
6 ~~2025~~ 2026 from the Prevention and Cessation Program Account to the Breast
7 Cancer Control Fund in order to provide for the State's matching share for
8 Medicaid services provided for breast and cervical cancer screening and
9 treatment. The amount transferred annually shall be the only obligation of
10 the Arkansas Department of Health for state match for these services.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
12 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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14 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
16 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act
17 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
18 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
19 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
20 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,
21 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and
22 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as
23 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said
24 funds.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
26 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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28 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
30 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds
31 disbursed under the authority of the appropriation contained in this act
32 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was
33 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,
34 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the
35 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,
36 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas

1 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and
2 adoption.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
4 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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6 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
7 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
8 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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