

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1262

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 ARKANSAS STATE  
11 UNIVERSITY - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE 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 ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
17 - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
19 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 - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is  
26 hereby established for the Arkansas State University - Arkansas Biosciences  
27 Institute for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
28 regular employees.  
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		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item		No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
	<u>ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		



1	(1)	Exec. Dir. of Biosciences Institute	1	\$258,983
2	(2)	Project/Program Administrator	8	
3		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
4		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
5		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
6		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
7		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
8		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
9		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
10	(3)	Asst. Director, Biosciences Institute	1	\$136,651
11	(4)	Research Assistant	3	\$88,060
12	(5)	Skilled Trades Pool	1	
13		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
14		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
15		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
16		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
17		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
18	(6)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
19		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
20		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
21		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
22		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
23		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
24		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
25		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
26		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
27		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
28	(7)	Institutional Svcs. Assistant	3	\$42,025
29		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
30		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
31	(8)	Research Associate	3	\$147,091
32	(9)	Research Graduate Assistant	15	\$57,379
33		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(10)	Faculty	7	
36		Research Professor		\$237,829

1	Research Associate Professor		\$224,718
2	Research Assistant Professor		\$212,176
3	Research Instructor		\$145,990
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43	

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6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is  
 7 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the  
 8 Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement  
 9 Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas  
 10 State University - Arkansas Biosciences Institute for the fiscal year ending  
 11 June 30, 2026, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,149,024
16	(02) EXTRA HELP	15,914
17	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	551,206
18	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,527,694
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,643,838</u></u>

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26 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 28 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be  
 29 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as  
 30 provided by this act.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
 32 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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34 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 36 PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act

1 may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each  
2 appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be  
3 made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the  
4 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative  
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
20 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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22 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. POSITIONS.

24 (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of  
25 Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any  
26 position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that  
27 Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

28 (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when  
29 such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized  
30 by the Governor.

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

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

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
2 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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4 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
6 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act  
7 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made  
8 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions  
9 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures  
10 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,  
11 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and  
12 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as  
13 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said  
14 funds.

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16 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
18 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds  
19 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act  
20 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was  
21 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,  
22 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the  
23 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
24 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas  
25 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and  
26 adoption.

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28 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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