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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 LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -

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LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS

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APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL

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YEAR.

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

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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF

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ACUPUNCTURE AND RELATED TECHNIQUES. There is hereby appropriated, to the

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Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State

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Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

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operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of

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Acupuncture and Related Techniques for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,

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the following:

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32 ITEM

FISCAL YEAR

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2026-2027

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(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

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(A) OPER. EXPENSE

\$2,999

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(B) CONF. & TRAVEL

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1	(C) PROF. FEES	8,001
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,000</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
 7 ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 8 Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 9 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 10 services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - State Board of
 11 Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors for the fiscal year ending
 12 June 30, 2027, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,400
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	566
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	14,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$31,966</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 27 ATHLETIC TRAINING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 28 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 29 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 30 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of
 31 Athletic Training for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$480
36	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	37

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,517</u></u>

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9 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF

10 CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS. There is hereby established for the Department of

11 Health - Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the 2026-2027

12 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

14		Maximum Annual
15		Salary Rate
16	Item Class	Fiscal Year
17	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(1) PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1 GRADE SGS06
19	(2) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u> GRADE SGS05
20	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF

23 CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

24 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as

25 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services

26 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of

27 Chiropractic Examiners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

28 following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$91,815
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	35,643
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500

1	(C) PROF. FEES	12,672
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$202,630</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
 7 IN COUNSELING. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 8 Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 9 following maximum number of regular employees.

10			Maximum Annual
11			Salary Rate
12		Maximum	Fiscal Year
13	Item Class	No. of	2026-2027
14	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
15	(1) PHP02C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR II	1	GRADE SPC04
16	(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
17	(3) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
18	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	4	

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 20 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING.
 21 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
 22 Examiners in Counseling for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 23 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 24 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary
 25 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 26 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 27 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 29 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
 30 COUNSELING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 31 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 32 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 33 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Examiners in
 34 Counseling for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$225,143
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	4,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	84,472
5	(04) OVERTIME	12,000
6	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	113,800
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
9	(C) PROF. FEES	11,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$454,415</u></u>

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14 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 15 DENTAL EXAMINERS. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 16 Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 17 following maximum number of regular employees.

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19			Maximum Annual
20		Maximum	Salary Rate
21	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
22	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
23	(1) PHPO1C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
24	(2) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS05
25	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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27 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL
 28 EXAMINERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 29 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 31 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Dental
 32 Examiners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$155,097

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	48,708
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	119,637
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,166
5	(C) PROF. FEES	42,126
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$372,734</u></u>

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10 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS

11 LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 12 Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 13 following maximum number of regular employees.

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15		Maximum Annual
16		Salary Rate
17	Item Class	Fiscal Year
18	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19	(1) PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	GRADE SGS06
20	(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	GRADE SGS04
21	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2

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23 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS LICENSING

24 BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 25 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 26 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 27 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board for
 28 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,348
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,672
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$124,020</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 13. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF
 7 DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There is hereby established for the Department of
 8 Health - Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians for the 2026-2027 fiscal
 9 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

11		Maximum Annual
12		Salary Rate
13	Item Class	Fiscal Year
14	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(1) PHPO1C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	<u>1</u> GRADE SGS06
16	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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 18 SECTION 14. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There
 19 is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
 20 Dispensing Opticians for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 21 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 22 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary
 23 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 24 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 25 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 27 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING
 28 OPTICIANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 29 payable from the Board of Dispensing Opticians' Fund, for personal services
 30 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
 31 Dispensing Opticians for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$49,750
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,200

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,943
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	23,900
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>200</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$93,993</u></u>

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11 SECTION 16. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT
 12 DISPENSERS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health -
 13 Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the 2026-2027 fiscal
 14 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 15 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 16 purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
 17 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 18 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 19 classification.

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21 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING
 22 INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 23 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 24 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 25 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of
 26 Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 27 following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) EXTRA HELP	\$30,200
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,328
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	17,800
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
36	(C) PROF. FEES	350

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,678</u></u>

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5 SECTION 18. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL
 6 BOARD. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas
 7 State Medical Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 8 number of regular employees.

10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>No. of Employees</u> <u>2026-2027</u>
14	(1) PHP07C MEDICAL BOARD DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SPC07
15	(2) FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1 GRADE SGS09
16	(3) CTR02P TRAINER	1 GRADE SGS07
17	(4) IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1 GRADE SGS06
18	(5) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5 GRADE SGS05
19	(6) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2 GRADE SGS04
20	(7) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2 GRADE SGS04
21	(8) HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1 GRADE SGS04
22	(9) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	16 GRADE SGS02
23	(10) IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1 GRADE IST08
24	(11) IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	1 GRADE IST06
25	(12) IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1 GRADE IST05
26	(13) IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u> GRADE IST02
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	34

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29 SECTION 19. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD. There is hereby
 30 authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Medical Board for
 31 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 32 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 33 appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time
 34 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 35 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 36 for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Medical Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,494,219
(02) EXTRA HELP	24,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	584,489
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,379,645
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,000
(C) PROF. FEES	21,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>7,500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,530,353</u></u>

SECTION 21. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING. There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2026-2027</u>
(1)	EEX25A NURSING BOARD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MED10
(2)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08
(3)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
(4)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
(5)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07

1	(6) CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
2	(7) ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS06
3	(8) IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
4	(9) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
5	(10) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
6	(11) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
7	(12) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	8	GRADE SGS02
8	(13) MNU04P NURSE PRACTITIONER	2	GRADE MED08
9	(14) MNU07C REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE MED07
10	(15) MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	5	GRADE MED05
11	(16) IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
12	(17) IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
13	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	33	

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15 SECTION 22. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING.

16 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State
 17 Board of Nursing for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 18 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 19 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-
 20 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 21 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
 22 act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 25 NURSING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 26 payable from the State Board of Nursing Fund, for personal services and
 27 operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of
 28 Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,228,273
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	746,142
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,040,914

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	43,448
2	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>1,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,066,777</u></u>

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8 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - SCHOLAR

9 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas

10 State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the

11 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

12 the Nursing Student Loan Program to make student loans for the fiscal year

13 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17	(01) NURSING STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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19 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - NURSING

20 EDUCATION WORKSHOPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

21 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as

22 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses

23 of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing - Nursing

24 Education Workshops for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$14,325
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$16,325</u></u>

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36 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - ARKANSAS

1 CENTER FOR NURSING GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 2 Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the State Board
 3 of Nursing Fund, for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for
 4 the Arkansas Center for Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 5 following:

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7	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9	(01) ARKANSAS CENTER FOR NURSING GRANT	<u>\$173,000</u>

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11 SECTION 27. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY.
 12 There is hereby established for the Department of Health - State Board of
 13 Optometry for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 14 regular employees.

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16			Maximum Annual
17		Maximum	Salary Rate
18	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
19	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(1) PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
21	(2) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
22	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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24 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY.
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from
 26 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 27 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 28 the Department of Health - State Board of Optometry for the fiscal year
 29 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$110,887
34	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	40,545
35	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	32,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	35,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$218,432</u></u>

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 7 SECTION 29. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 8 PHARMACY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 9 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
 10 maximum number of regular employees.

11			Maximum Annual
12		Maximum	Salary Rate
13	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
14	No. Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
15	(1) EEX28A PHARMACY BOARD DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MED12
16	(2) LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08
17	(3) FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
18	(4) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS05
19	(5) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
20	(6) MPA02C PHARMACY BOARD ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE MED11
21	(7) MPA03P PHARMACY INSPECTOR	<u>3</u>	GRADE MED09
22	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

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 25 SECTION 30. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY. There is
 26 hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of
 27 Pharmacy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 28 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 29 appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) temporary or part-time
 30 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 31 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 32 for the appropriate classification.

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 34 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 35 PHARMACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health -
 36 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, to be payable from the cash fund deposited

1 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 2 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health -
 3 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 4 the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,261,330
9 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
10 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	363,030
11 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	586,985
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	29,120
14 (C) PROF. FEES	0
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	3,000
18 (06) IMPAIRED PHARMACIST PROGRAM	<u>50,000</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,323,465</u></u>

21 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY - PHARMACY
 22 STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 23 Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 24 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants
 25 to colleges of pharmacy in Arkansas for pharmacy student loans and
 26 scholarships of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy
 27 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31 (01) PHARMACY STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>

33 SECTION 33. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
 34 PHYSICAL THERAPY. There is hereby established for the Department of Health -
 35 Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 36 following maximum number of regular employees.

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Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PHPO1C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$118,146
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	42,672
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	89,833
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	8,490
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$259,141</u></u>

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY - SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a scholarship program of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
2	(01) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$200,000</u>

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4 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF PODIATRIC

5 MEDICINE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be

6 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

7 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating

8 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine

9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,800
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	138
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,052
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18	(C) PROF. FEES	250
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,240</u>

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23 SECTION 37. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD.

24 There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas

25 Psychology Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number

26 of regular employees.

27			Maximum Annual
28			Salary Rate
29		Maximum	Fiscal Year
30	Item Class	No. of	2026-2027
31	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(1) PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
33	(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
34	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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36 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from
 2 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 3 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of
 4 the Department of Health - Arkansas Psychology Board for the fiscal year
 5 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$93,090
10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	37,222
11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	61,540
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
14 (C) PROF. FEES	24,727
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$219,579</u></u>

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 19 SECTION 39. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD - SCHOLARSHIP
 20 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health -
 21 Arkansas Psychology Board, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 22 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 23 scholarships for psychology students pursuing training as psychological and
 24 neurological technicians for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 25 following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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 31 SECTION 40. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD.
 32 There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Social
 33 Work Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 34 number of regular employees.

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 36 Maximum Annual

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1) PHPO1C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 41. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 42. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Social Work Licensing Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$116,308
(02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	41,609
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	42,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	7,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>500</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$219,417</u>

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,516
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,250
4	(C) PROF. FEES	12,800
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$216,978</u></u>

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9 SECTION 46. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION. There

10 is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord

11 Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

12 regular employees.

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14			Maximum Annual
15		Maximum	Salary Rate
16	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
17	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(1) PHP02C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR II	1	GRADE SPC04
19	(2) SCM06P LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE SPC01
20	(3) PHS05P HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
21	(4) FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
22	(5) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
23	(6) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS02
24	(7) MRE06P VOCATIONAL REHAB COUNSELOR	2	GRADE MED04
25	(8) MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	14	GRADE MED02
26	(9) IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST06
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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29 SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - STATE

30 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be

31 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services

32 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord

33 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,235,781
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	488,409
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	219,888
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,620
6	(C) PROF. FEES	19,065
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) LONG TERM ATTENDANT CARE	261,610
10	(05) SPINAL TREATMENT PROGRAM	<u>772,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,012,373</u></u>

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13 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD
 14 COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 15 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 16 the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas
 17 Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 18 following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$28,000</u></u>

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30 SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - CASH - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION.
 31 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from
 32 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 33 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of
 34 Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 35 2027, the following:

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1 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2 NO.	<u>2026-2027</u>
3 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$40,000
5 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6 (C) PROF. FEES	10,000
7 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$50,000</u></u>

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11 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
 13 STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR CONSUMER
 14 COMPLAINTS. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of the available appropriation in
 15 the Professional Fees Line item of this act shall be made available to the
 16 board for the purpose of contracting an independent or private investigator
 17 for investigative services regarding complaints submitted by consumers.

18 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall contract
 19 with an outside investigator as needed to perform investigations and conduct
 20 inspections of alleged wrongdoing.

21 (2) An outside investigator contracted under subdivision (a)(1) of
 22 this section shall have expertise or background in the subject matter in
 23 which he or she is being contracted to investigate.

24 (b) The duties of an investigator hired under this section shall
 25 include without limitation investigation and inspection of all complaints, as
 26 determined by the board, to determine whether a person has:

27 (1) Practiced his or her profession in such a way as to endanger the general
 28 health and welfare of the public; or

29 (2) Otherwise violated this chapter or rules of the board.

30 (c)(1) The board shall file a report annually on or before December 1
 31 with the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and the
 32 House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs for the
 33 committees' review.

34 (2) The report shall include:

35 (A) The number of complaints that have been filed;

36 (B) A list of who has been investigated and the purported

1 violation; and

2 (C) A summary of the findings of each investigation.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
4 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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6 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
8 STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The Arkansas State
9 Board of Dental Examiners is hereby authorized to expend from monies
10 authorized herein, \$15 from each licensed dentist licensed by the State Board
11 of Dental Examiners each year to be paid by the Arkansas State Board of
12 Dental Examiners to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare
13 professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and
14 monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse
15 problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the
16 continued availability of skilled and highly trained dental professionals for
17 the benefit of the public.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
19 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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21 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
23 STATE MEDICAL BOARD - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The State Medical Board is hereby
24 authorized to expend from monies authorized herein, \$30 from each licensed
25 physician licensed by the State Medical Board each year to be paid by the
26 State Medical Board to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare
27 professionals on their board and provide for identification, treatment and
28 monitoring of healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse
29 problems, in order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the
30 continued availability of skilled and highly trained medical professionals
31 for the benefit of the public.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
33 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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35 SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS

1 STATE BOARD OF NURSING - FUNDING TRANSFER. The Arkansas State Board of
2 Nursing may request a fund transfer in an amount not to exceed one hundred
3 thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year from the State Board of Nursing
4 Fund to the cash in State Treasury fund as determined by the Chief Fiscal
5 Officer of the State to provide funds for the Student Loan Program
6 appropriation provided herein. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of
7 the State, the amount requested shall be transferred on his or her books and
8 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 30,
10 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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12 SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
14 BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The Arkansas Board of
15 Podiatric Medicine is hereby authorized to expend from monies authorized
16 herein, \$10 from each licensed podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of
17 Podiatric Medicine each year to be paid by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric
18 Medicine to 501(c)(3) Arkansas foundations that have healthcare professionals
19 on their board and provide for identification, treatment and monitoring of
20 healthcare professionals who suffer from alcohol or drug abuse problems, in
21 order to promote the public health and safety and to insure the continued
22 availability of skilled and highly trained podiatric professionals for the
23 benefit of the public.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
25 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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27 SECTION 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

29 ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - LINE ITEM TRANSFER. Any savings made in the
30 State Appropriation may, after receiving advice and approval of the
31 Department of Finance and Administration, be transferred to the Spinal
32 Treatment Program.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
34 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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36 SECTION 56. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
2 OF FUNDS. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Arkansas State
3 Medical Board shall transfer annually the sum of five hundred thousand
4 dollars (\$500,000), or so much as is available, from the unobligated and
5 unallocated monies remaining in the Arkansas State Medical Board's cash
6 funds, to the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education's
7 Graduate Medical Education Fund to be used exclusively for the Graduate
8 Medical Education Residency Expansion Board appropriation.

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10 SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 17-95-
11 403(b)(3)(A)(iii)(c), concerning the qualifications for a license to practice
12 medicine in this state, is amended to read as follows:

13 (c) If he or she has been offered full-time
14 employment as a physician from a healthcare provider that operates in a
15 medically underserved population or a federally designated area that is a
16 medically underserved area, medically partially underserved area, or a
17 primary care health professional shortage area in this state, he or she
18 shall:

19 (1) Hold an active, unencumbered license
20 to practice medicine in a foreign country;

21 (2) Have actively practiced medicine
22 during the four-year period preceding the date of an application under this
23 section;

24 (3) Have the Educational Commission for
25 Foreign Medical Graduates evaluate his or her medical credentials;

26 (4) Hold an active, valid certificate
27 issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; and

28 (5) Pass the examination used by the
29 Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.

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31 SECTION 58. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
32 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
33 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
34 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
35 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
36 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

1 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
2 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
3 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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5 SECTION 59. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
6 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
7 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
8 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
9 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
10 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
11 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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14 SECTION 60. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
15 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
16 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
17 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
18 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
19 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
20 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
21 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
22 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
23 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
24 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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26 /s/Joint Budget Committee

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