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HOUSE BILL 1036

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

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## Subtitle

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL  
YEAR.

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

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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby  
24 established for the Department of Health - Shared Services for the 2026-2027  
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
(1)	ESE07A	SECRETARY OF HEALTH	<u>1</u>	GRADE EXE04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,  
for the Department of Health for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following  
maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra



1 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7)  
 2 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 3 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 4 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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6 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is  
 7 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the  
 8 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 9 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Shared  
 10 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$225,306
15	(02) EXTRA HELP	132,867
16	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	67,328
17	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$425,501</u></u>

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25 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
 26 for the Department of Health for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following  
 27 maximum number of regular employees.

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29			Maximum Annual
30		Maximum	Salary Rate
31	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
32	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
33	(1) EEX21A HEALTH DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3	GRADE EXE02
34	(2) EEX10A CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
35	(3) FAC09C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
36	(4) LAT08C CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10

1	(5)	MHS03C STATE HEALTH SCIENTIST	2	GRADE SPC10
2	(6)	PHP06C HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	7	GRADE SPC09
3	(7)	LAT01C ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	2	GRADE SPC08
4	(8)	HDH03C HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
5	(9)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	3	GRADE SPC08
6	(10)	CPR02C CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS II	1	GRADE SPC07
7	(11)	SEN04C MANAGING ENGINEER	2	GRADE SPC07
8	(12)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
9	(13)	SEP02C EPIDEMIOLOGY MANAGER	11	GRADE SPC06
10	(14)	PHP04C HEALTH CENTER MANAGER	9	GRADE SPC06
11	(15)	SEN02P ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	7	GRADE SPC06
12	(16)	CPR03C GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SPC05
13	(17)	PHS06C HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER	17	GRADE SPC05
14	(18)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
15	(19)	SEP03P EPIDEMIOLOGY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	10	GRADE SPC05
16	(20)	SEN05P PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER	5	GRADE SPC05
17	(21)	PHP03C HEALTH BRANCH MANAGER	16	GRADE SPC04
18	(22)	FAC05P ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SPC04
19	(23)	SEP01P EPIDEMIOLOGIST	39	GRADE SPC04
20	(24)	MHS02P RADIOLOGICAL PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC04
21	(25)	PHP05C HEALTH DISTRICT MANAGER	7	GRADE SPC03
22	(26)	PHP09C PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION CHIEF	19	GRADE SPC03
23	(27)	SEN01P ENGINEER	11	GRADE SPC03
24	(28)	SLA03P LABORATORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	14	GRADE SPC03
25	(29)	SGE05P PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST	2	GRADE SPC03
26	(30)	PHS02I CERTIFIED TUMOR REGISTRAR	1	GRADE SPC02
27	(31)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	8	GRADE SPC02
28	(32)	FAU04P AUDITOR II	2	GRADE SPC02
29	(33)	SBI02P BIOLOGIST II	29	GRADE SPC02
30	(34)	SCH02P CHEMIST II	15	GRADE SPC02
31	(35)	SPH02P PHYSICIST SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC02
32	(36)	MHS01P RADIOLOGICAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SPC02
33	(37)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	4	GRADE SPC01
34	(38)	SBI01P BIOLOGIST I	25	GRADE SPC01
35	(39)	SCH01P CHEMIST I	13	GRADE SPC01
36	(40)	SPH01P PHYSICIST	7	GRADE SPC01

1	(41)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	4	GRADE SGS09
2	(42)	PHS09C HEALTH UNIT ADMINISTRATOR	17	GRADE SGS09
3	(43)	PQA02C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS09
4	(44)	IEH03P ENVIRON. HEALTH INSP. SUPV/EXPERT	6	GRADE SGS09
5	(45)	FBU02C BUDGET MANAGER	12	GRADE SGS08
6	(46)	IEH02P ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTOR II	26	GRADE SGS08
7	(47)	PHS08P HEALTH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	48	GRADE SGS08
8	(48)	PHS10P HEALTH UNIT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	20	GRADE SGS08
9	(49)	HDH08P HR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS08
10	(50)	PPR05P PROCUREMENT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
11	(51)	FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER	5	GRADE SGS07
12	(52)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	3	GRADE SGS07
13	(53)	FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	24	GRADE SGS07
14	(54)	PDA01P DATA/RESEARCH ANALYST	4	GRADE SGS07
15	(55)	IEH01P ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTOR I	118	GRADE SGS07
16	(56)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	5	GRADE SGS07
17	(57)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE SGS07
18	(58)	PHS05P HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	87	GRADE SGS07
19	(59)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	15	GRADE SGS07
20	(60)	IIN05P INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
21	(61)	CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
22	(62)	PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
23	(63)	TST05P SKILLED TRADESMAN SUPV/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
24	(64)	SCM12P SUICIDE PREVENTION SUPV/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS07
25	(65)	CTR02P TRAINER	6	GRADE SGS07
26	(66)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06
27	(67)	PHS03P CONSUMER SCIENCE SPECIALIST	28	GRADE SGS06
28	(68)	SIA13P DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
29	(69)	EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS06
30	(70)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	4	GRADE SGS06
31	(71)	PHS07P HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST	104	GRADE SGS06
32	(72)	IIN03P INSPECTOR III	13	GRADE SGS06
33	(73)	SLA04P LABORATORY TECHNICIAN I	14	GRADE SGS06
34	(74)	TMA04P MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
35	(75)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06
36	(76)	PQA03P QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06

1	(77)	TST04P SKILLED TRADESMAN	6	GRADE SGS06
2	(78)	SSP16P SOCIAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
3	(79)	SCM11P SUICIDE PREVENTION SPECIALIST	7	GRADE SGS06
4	(80)	TAT03I ENGINEERING SPECIALIST	8	GRADE SGS05
5	(81)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	372	GRADE SGS05
6	(82)	FBU03P BUDGET SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS05
7	(83)	SIA12P DISPATCHER	6	GRADE SGS05
8	(84)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	8	GRADE SGS05
9	(85)	PHS04P HEALTH EDUCATOR	7	GRADE SGS05
10	(86)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	6	GRADE SGS05
11	(87)	TIW04P INVENTORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS05
12	(88)	FFS06P MEDICAL BILLING SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS05
13	(89)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	5	GRADE SGS05
14	(90)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE SGS05
15	(91)	THT03I LACTATION SPECIALIST	12	GRADE SGS04
16	(92)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	95	GRADE SGS04
17	(93)	HBE01P BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS04
18	(94)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	36	GRADE SGS04
19	(95)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	6	GRADE SGS04
20	(96)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	7	GRADE SGS04
21	(97)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	6	GRADE SGS04
22	(98)	TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
23	(99)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
24	(100)	TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST	21	GRADE SGS03
25	(101)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE SGS03
26	(102)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	43	GRADE SGS02
27	(103)	PRC01P HEALTH AIDE	5	GRADE SGS01
28	(104)	MHA04C STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE MED16
29	(105)	MPH04P PHYSICIAN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE MED14
30	(106)	MPH02P PHYSICIAN SPECIALIST	3	GRADE MED12
31	(107)	MPA04C PHARMACY MANAGER	1	GRADE MED10
32	(108)	MDE01I DENTIST	1	GRADE MED09
33	(109)	MPA01P PHARMACIST	4	GRADE MED09
34	(110)	MPA03P PHARMACY INSPECTOR	2	GRADE MED09
35	(111)	MNU05C NURSING ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE MED08
36	(112)	MNU04P NURSE PRACTITIONER	32	GRADE MED08

1	(113)	MVE02P VETERINARIAN	1	GRADE MED08
2	(114)	MNU07C REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER	10	GRADE MED07
3	(115)	MDI02P DIETICIAN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	8	GRADE MED06
4	(116)	MNU03P NURSE INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE MED06
5	(117)	MNU08P REG. NURSE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	36	GRADE MED06
6	(118)	MDI03P REGISTERED DIETICIAN	9	GRADE MED05
7	(119)	MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	317	GRADE MED05
8	(120)	MDI01P DIETICIAN	20	GRADE MED03
9	(121)	PHS01P CERTIFIED HEALTH EDUCATOR	2	GRADE MED02
10	(122)	MNU01P LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	57	GRADE MED02
11	(123)	IIA02C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER II	1	GRADE IST12
12	(124)	IIS08C IT INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER	3	GRADE IST11
13	(125)	IIS10C IT INFRASTRUCTURE SUPV/EXPERT	4	GRADE IST10
14	(126)	IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	6	GRADE IST08
15	(127)	IIE06P IT SECURITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE IST08
16	(128)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	5	GRADE IST07
17	(129)	IDN01P DATA ANALYST	4	GRADE IST07
18	(130)	IDM02P DATABASE ANALYST	2	GRADE IST07
19	(131)	IAS04P APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER I	1	GRADE IST06
20	(132)	IIS04P IT INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST	21	GRADE IST06
21	(133)	IIE02P IT SECURITY ANALYST I	1	GRADE IST06
22	(134)	IUS05P USER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE IST06
23	(135)	IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
24	(136)	IGI01P GIS ANALYST	3	GRADE IST05
25	(137)	IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IST05
26	(138)	IIS09P IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST04
27	(139)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	34	GRADE IST04
28	(140)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	16	GRADE IST02
29	(141)	HDH04P HR ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS06
30	(142)	IIP01P IT PROJECT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST06
31		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,203	

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33 SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - TRAUMA SYSTEM. There is hereby  
 34 established for the Department of Health - Trauma System for the 2026-2027  
 35 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
5	(1) PHPO3C HEALTH BRANCH MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC04
6	(2) SEPO1P EPIDEMIOLOGIST	1	GRADE SPC04
7	(3) PHPO9C PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION CHIEF	1	GRADE SPC03
8	(4) FBU01P BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
9	(5) PDA01P DATA/RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS07
10	(6) FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
11	(7) PHS04P HEALTH EDUCATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
12	(8) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
13	(9) FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS04
14	(10) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS02
15	(11) MPH04P PHYSICIAN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE MED14
16	(12) MNU08P REG. NURSE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE MED06
17	(13) MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	3	GRADE MED05
18	(14) IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST08
19	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	18	

SECTION 6. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Operations 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: two hundred twenty-two (222) 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 7. EXTRA HELP - TRAUMA SYSTEM. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Trauma System 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: two (2) 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.

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SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses, grants and aid, and refunds and reimbursements of the Department of Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$121,993,010
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,965,813
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	44,531,278
(04) OVERTIME	111,500
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	83,773,484
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	796,026
(C) PROF. FEES	13,625,581
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,138,925
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) ADH GRANTS & AID	22,283,487
(07) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	7,613
(08) KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM	850,441
(09) BREAST CARE PROGRAM	8,039,563
(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL	<u>30,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$329,116,721</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - TRAUMA SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Public Health Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Trauma System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,098,207
(02) EXTRA HELP	75,000

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	400,556
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	355,545
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(05) TRAUMA SYSTEM EXPENSES	<u>24,237,291</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$26,216,599</u></u>

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11 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH BUILDING AND LOCAL HEALTH GRANT  
 12 TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be  
 13 payable from the State Health Building and Local Grant Trust Fund, for  
 14 acquisition, construction, and improvement of the State Health Building and  
 15 grants to local health units for construction, expansion and renovation by  
 16 the Department of Health - Health Building and Local Health Grant Trust for  
 17 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) HEALTH BUILDING ACQUISITION,	
22	CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION & GRANTS TO	
23	LOCAL HEALTH UNITS	\$1,950,000
24	(02) CONSTRUCTION	<u>7,000,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,950,000</u></u>

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27 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. There is  
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the  
 29 Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund, for Emergency Medical Services  
 30 operating expenses and grants to licensed Emergency Medical Services as  
 31 provided by law by the Department of Health - Emergency Medical Services for  
 32 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) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$60,000</u></u>

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8 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - WIC FOOD INSTRUMENTS - CASH. There is  
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash  
 10 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for Women, Infant, and Children's  
 11 Food Instruments of the Department of Health - WIC Food Instruments - Cash  
 12 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) WIC FOOD INSTRUMENTS	<u><u>\$60,000,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - INTERPRETERS FOR DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED.  
 19 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from  
 20 the Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf,  
 21 Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf Fund, for expenses of the Advisory  
 22 Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are  
 23 Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf of the Department of Health  
 24 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
28	(01) ADVISORY BOARD EXPENSES	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

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30 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING.  
 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 the payment of personal services, operating  
 34 expenses, and for the payment of mileage and per diem of committee members  
 35 for attendance at meetings, briefings, and hearings of the Department of  
 36 Health - Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee for the fiscal

1 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE	
6 CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE	<u>\$350,000</u>

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8 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PARKING  
 10 FEES. On July 1 of each year the Arkansas Department of Health shall pay  
 11 \$50,000 from the Operations appropriation provided herein from non-general  
 12 revenue to War Memorial.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~  
 14 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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16 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDIRECT  
 18 COST ALLOCATION FUND TRANSFERS. Subject to such procedures as may be  
 19 implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the disbursing officer  
 20 for the Arkansas Department of Health is hereby authorized to transfer funds  
 21 to the Public Health Fund from other program funds of the agency in order to  
 22 reimburse for expenditures incurred for those programs.

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

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26 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
 28 FORWARD OF FUNDS.

29 (a) Except as authorized in subsection (c) of this section, the  
 30 Department of Health is authorized to carry forward any unspent funds  
 31 remaining in the Public Health Fund on June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 allocated for the  
 32 support of the Trauma System to be used for the same purposes in the next  
 33 fiscal year.

34 (b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized  
 35 herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

36 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, the agency shall by written

1 statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding  
2 to the Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration;

3 (2) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and  
4 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried  
5 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint  
6 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,  
7 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,  
8 the program name or line item, the funding source and a copy of the written  
9 request set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section;

10 (3) Each agency, board, commission, or institution shall provide  
11 a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
12 containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(2) of this section,  
13 along with a written statement as to the current status of the project,  
14 contract, purpose, etc., for which the carry forward was originally requested  
15 no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the agency, board,  
16 commission, or institution presents its budget request to the Legislative  
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

18 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration  
19 shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(3) of this section  
20 in the budget manuals or a statement of non-compliance by the agency, board,  
21 commission, or institution, or both.

22 (c) The Department of Health is authorized to transfer up to three  
23 million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) in carry forward funds to  
24 be used in the next fiscal year at the discretion of the Director of the  
25 Department of Health to:

26 (1) Enhance and integrate an emergency management system to  
27 include trauma, stroke, and myocardial infarction; and

28 (2) Provide long acting reversible contraceptives through  
29 services provided by the Department of Health local health units.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~  
31 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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33 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BREAST  
35 CARE PROGRAM. The Arkansas Department of Health shall annually budget,  
36 allocate, and expend for the Breast Care Program as appropriated in the

1 Operations Section in this Act, the sum of at least four million seven  
2 hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$4,755,000) for Breast Cancer screening,  
3 diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses of the Breast Care Program.

4 The Arkansas Department of Health shall file an annual progress report by  
5 each January 1 preceding a session of the General Assembly to the Co-Chairs  
6 of the House and Senate Public Health Committee. This report shall include  
7 amounts budgeted, allocated and expended for the Breast Care Program for  
8 testing, diagnosis, treatment and outreach expenses.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~  
10 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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12 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED  
14 SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared  
15 Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the  
16 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal  
17 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account  
18 Appropriation by the Department of Health.

19 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the  
20 transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account  
21 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
22 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

23 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in  
24 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within  
25 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts  
26 authorized for the department.

27 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the  
28 date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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30 SECTION 20. *Arkansas Code § 5-27-205(c), concerning an affirmative*  
31 *defense to prosecution for the crime of endangering the welfare of a minor in*  
32 *the first degree, is amended to read as follows:*

33 (c)(1) *It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section*  
34 *that a parent voluntarily delivered a child to and left the child with or in,*  
35 *or voluntarily arranged for another person to deliver a child to and leave*  
36 *the child with or in, a medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency*

1 medical services provider, fire department, or a newborn safety device as  
2 provided in § 9-34-201 et seq.

3 (2)(A) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section does not create a  
4 defense to any prosecution arising from any conduct other than the act of  
5 delivering a child as described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

6 (B) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section specifically does  
7 not constitute a defense to any prosecution arising from an act of abuse or  
8 neglect committed before the delivery of a child to a medical provider, law  
9 enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or  
10 a newborn safety device as provided in § 9-34-201 et seq.

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12 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 9-34-201, concerning definitions regarding  
13 the voluntary delivery of a child to a medical provider, law enforcement  
14 agency, fire department, or newborn safety device, is amended to add an  
15 additional subdivision to read as follows:

16 (4) "Emergency medical services provider" means:

17 (A) An entity or individual licensed to provide emergency  
18 medical services, including without limitation an ambulance service provider;  
19 and

20 (B) That is staffed twenty-four (24) hours per day.

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22 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 9-34-202 is amended to read as follows:

23 9-34-202. Delivery to medical provider, law enforcement agency,  
24 emergency medical services provider, fire department, or in newborn safety  
25 device.

26 (a) Any medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical  
27 services provider, or fire department shall take possession of a child who is  
28 thirty (30) days old or younger without a court order if the parent of the  
29 child, without expressing an intent to return for the child, leaves the  
30 child:

31 (1) With or voluntarily delivers the child to the medical  
32 provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or  
33 fire department, including without limitation when a parent leaves a newborn  
34 child with a medical provider staff member after delivery of the newborn  
35 child; or

36 (2) In a newborn safety device that is:

1 (A) Voluntarily installed by the medical provider, law  
2 enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department;

3 (B) Physically located on a structured wall of or inside a  
4 hospital, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider  
5 station, or fire department; and

6 (C) Located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to  
7 the employees of the hospital, law enforcement agency, emergency medical  
8 services provider, or fire department.

9 (b)(1) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical  
10 services provider, or fire department that takes possession of a child under  
11 subsection (a) of this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the  
12 physical health and safety of the child.

13 (2) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency  
14 medical services provider, or fire department shall:

15 (A) Keep the identity of a parent who relinquishes a child  
16 under this section confidential; and

17 (B) Not release or otherwise make the identity of the  
18 parent available except to a:

19 (i) Law enforcement agency investigating abuse or  
20 neglect of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the  
21 medical provider or, law enforcement agency, emergency medical services  
22 provider; or

23 (ii) Prosecuting attorney pursuing charges against a  
24 parent for abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child  
25 was delivered to the medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency  
26 medical services provider, or fire department.

27 (3)(A) If the identity of a parent or child is released or made  
28 known to the Department of Human Services in violation of subdivision (b)(2)  
29 of this section, the case shall proceed as a dependency-neglect action as  
30 defined under § 9-35-102, but with the same protections from liability as if  
31 an anonymous surrender was made under this section.

32 (B)(i) If the child is relinquished at a location defined  
33 in § 9-34-201, the parent shall not be held criminally liable for the  
34 relinquishment or have a true finding of maltreatment or abandonment entered  
35 against the parent if the parent's identity is known and the Department of  
36 Human Services proceeds under § 9-35-325.

1 (ii) The Department of Human Services shall not  
2 subsequently use a resulting termination of parental rights against a parent  
3 who surrendered his or her child under this section.

4 (c) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical  
5 services provider, or fire department shall:

6 (1) Not be held criminally or civilly liable for any good faith  
7 acts or omissions performed under this section; and

8 (2) Have an affirmative defense against any civil or criminal  
9 claim arising out of any act or omission performed under this section.

10 (d)(1) A medical provider, law enforcement agency, emergency medical  
11 services provider, or fire department other than a volunteer fire department  
12 that voluntarily installs a newborn safety device shall:

13 (A) Be responsible for the cost of the installation; and

14 (B) Install an adequate dual alarm system connected to the  
15 physical location of the newborn safety device that is:

16 (i) Tested at least one (1) time per week to ensure  
17 the alarm system is in working order; and

18 (ii) Visually checked at least two (2) times per day  
19 to ensure the alarm system is in working order.

20 (2) A volunteer fire department may install a newborn safety  
21 device if:

22 (A) The volunteer fire department complies with  
23 subdivision (d)(1) of this section;

24 (B) The first responders at the volunteer fire department  
25 are able to respond to the placement of an infant in the newborn safety  
26 device within the shorter of the following:

27 (i) The response time established by the county in  
28 which the volunteer fire department is located; or

29 (ii) A time frame not to exceed four (4) minutes;  
30 and

31 (C) The newborn safety device is:

32 (i) Located within one (1) mile of a medical  
33 provider or law enforcement agency; and

34 (ii) Equipped with:

35 (a) An alert system that, when the newborn  
36 safety device is opened, automatically connects to the 911 system and

1 transmits a request for immediate dispatch of an emergency medical services  
2 provider to the location of the newborn safety device; and

3 (b) A video surveillance system that allows  
4 members of the volunteer fire department to monitor the inside of the newborn  
5 safety device twenty-four (24) hours per day and that:

6 (1) Has at least two (2) firefighters  
7 who are responsible for monitoring the inside of the newborn safety device  
8 twenty-four (24) hours per day; and

9 (2) Is a surveillance system independent  
10 from the alert system described in subdivision (d)(2)(C)(ii)(a) of this  
11 section.

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13 SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 9-34-203(a), concerning the care and  
14 permanency plan of a child voluntarily delivered to a medical provider, law  
15 enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or  
16 newborn safety device, is amended to read as follows:

17 (a) Upon delivery of the child to a medical provider, law enforcement  
18 agency, emergency medical services provider, or fire department, the law  
19 enforcement officer, an appropriate employee of the fire department, an  
20 appropriate employee of the emergency medical services provider, or an  
21 appropriate employee of the hospital shall take the child into protective  
22 custody for seventy-two (72) hours under the Child Maltreatment Act, § 12-18-  
23 101 et seq.

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25 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 9-34-203(b)(1), concerning the care and  
26 permanency plan of a child voluntarily delivered to a medical provider, law  
27 enforcement agency, emergency medical services provider, fire department, or  
28 newborn safety device, is amended to read as follows:

29 (b)(1) The law enforcement officer, employee of the fire department,  
30 employee of the emergency medical services provider, or employee of the  
31 hospital shall immediately notify the Division of Children and Family  
32 Services, which shall initiate a dependency-neglect petition under the  
33 Arkansas Juvenile Code, § 9-35-101 et seq., and shall proceed under § 9-35-  
34 325.

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36 SECTION 25. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

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

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10 SECTION 26. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
11 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
12 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
13 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
14 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
15 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
16 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 27. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
20 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
21 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
24 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
25 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
26 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
27 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
28 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
29 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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31 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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34 **APPROVED: 5/1/26**