

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill 4**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - LICENSING AND REGULATION  
BOARDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill 4**

Amend Senate Bill 4 as originally introduced:

On Page 26, immediately following SECTION 56, insert the following SECTION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative L. Johnson

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Secretary

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 4

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

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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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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -  
17 LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL  
19 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF  
25 ACUPUNCTURE AND RELATED TECHNIQUES. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
26 Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State  
27 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
28 operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of  
29 Acupuncture and Related Techniques for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
30 the following:  
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$2,999
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0



1 OF FUNDS. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Arkansas State  
2 Medical Board shall transfer annually the sum of five hundred thousand  
3 dollars (\$500,000), or so much as is available, from the unobligated and  
4 unallocated monies remaining in the Arkansas State Medical Board's cash  
5 funds, to the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education's  
6 Graduate Medical Education Fund to be used exclusively for the Graduate  
7 Medical Education Residency Expansion Board appropriation.

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9 SECTION 57. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
10 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
11 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
12 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
13 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
14 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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19 SECTION 58. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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28 SECTION 59. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
29 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
30 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 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, 2026 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