

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

HOUSE BILL 1267

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 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
11 FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - DONALD W. REYNOLDS CENTER ON  
12 AGING, FAY W. BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
13 ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, AND THE AREA HEALTH  
14 EDUCATION CENTER IN HELENA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
15 JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

18 AN ACT FOR THE UAMS - REYNOLDS CENTER ON  
19 AGING, BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
20 ARK. BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, & THE AREA  
21 HEALTH ED. CENTER IN HELENA APPROPRIATION  
22 FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING, BOOZMAN COLLEGE  
28 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, AND THE AREA HEALTH ED. CENTER -  
29 HELENA. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas for  
30 Medical Sciences - Reynolds Center on Aging, Boozman College of Public  
31 Health, Biosciences Institute, and Area Health Education Center - Helena for  
32 the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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36 Item	Maximum No. of	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year
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1	No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
2		<u>UAMS REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING</u>		
3		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
5	(1)	Project/Program Administrator	5	
6		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
7		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
8		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
9		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
10		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
11		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
12		Executive Assistant		\$99,405
13	(2)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
14		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
15		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
16		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
17		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
18		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
19		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
20		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
21		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
22		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
23		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
24		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
25	(3)	Faculty Pool	19	
26		Professor		\$243,519
27		Associate Professor		\$224,720
28		Assistant Professor		\$212,176
29		Instructor		\$170,490
30	(4)	Education Coordinator	1	\$175,248
31	(5)	Senior Research Assistant	1	\$115,289
32		<u>UAMS BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH</u>		
33		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
35	(6)	Dean	1	\$361,971
36	(7)	Associate Dean	1	\$244,970

1	(8)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
2		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
3		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
4		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
5		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
6		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
7		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
8		Executive Assistant		\$99,405
9	(9)	Research Technologist	1	\$78,713
10	(10)	Administrative Support Pool	4	
11		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
12		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
13		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
14		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
15		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
16		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
17		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
18		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
19		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
20		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
21		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
22	(11)	Department Chairperson	5	\$256,072
23	(12)	Faculty Pool	6	
24		Professor		\$243,519
25		Associate Professor		\$224,720
26		Assistant Professor		\$212,176
27		<u>ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE</u>		
28		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
29		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
30	(13)	Director of Biosciences Institute	1	\$380,697
31	(14)	Research Technologist	6	\$78,713
32	(15)	Research Technician	4	\$53,175
33		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(16)	Faculty Pool	24	
36		Research Professor		\$237,829

1	Associate Research Professor		\$224,718
2	Assistant Research Professor		\$212,176
3	Research Instructor		\$145,990
4	(17) Post Doctoral Fellow	6	\$147,091
5	(18) Graduate Assistant	4	\$57,379
6	<u>UAMS AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER - HELENA</u>		
7	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
8	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
9	(19) Project/Program Administrator	17	
10	Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
11	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
12	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
13	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
14	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
15	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
16	Executive Assistant		\$99,405
17	(20) Administrative Support Pool	2	
18	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
19	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
20	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
21	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
22	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
23	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
24	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
25	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
26	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
27	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(21) Assistant Professor	1	\$206,357
30	(22) Clinic Instructor	<u>1</u>	\$165,817
31	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	113	

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33 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DONALD W. REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING. There

34 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,

35 to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco

36 Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

1 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Donald W. Reynolds Center on  
 2 Aging for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,292,959
7 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	316,765
8 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	603,713
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,128
11 (C) PROF. FEES	0
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	55,231
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,320,796</u></u>

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 16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FAY W. BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

17 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical  
 18 Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the  
 19 Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 20 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Fay W. Boozman College  
 21 of Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
25 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,561,276
26 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	564,670
27 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,000
29 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
30 (C) PROF. FEES	0
31 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,195,946</u></u>

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 35 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is  
 36 hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to

1 be payable from the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account of the  
 2 Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 3 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Biosciences  
 4 Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,407,267
9 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	337,875
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,042,499
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	23,960
13 (C) PROF. FEES	37,940
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,434,680
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (04) ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	
17 RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>1,896,736</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,180,957</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER IN HELENA.

21 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical  
 22 Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the  
 23 Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 24 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Area Health Education  
 25 Center in Helena for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,959
30 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	316,765
31 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	603,713
33 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,128
34 (C) PROF. FEES	25,000
35 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$2,235,565

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3 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS  
5 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROGRAM. In any fiscal year, if the funds  
6 received by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the Arkansas  
7 Biosciences Institute in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute appropriation in  
8 this Act are less than the total amount appropriated, the University of  
9 Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall provide no less than thirty-three and  
10 one-third percent (33 and 1/3%) of the available funds for the Arkansas  
11 Children's Hospital Research Program. Otherwise, the Arkansas Children's  
12 Hospital Research Program line item appropriation in the Arkansas Biosciences  
13 Institute appropriation in this Act shall be funded in total or Arkansas  
14 Children's Hospital Chief Executive Officer may request that the University  
15 of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal year from  
16 the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account to the Department of Human  
17 Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match  
18 federal funds used for Supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's  
19 Hospital.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
21 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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23 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
25 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be  
26 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as  
27 provided by this act.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
29 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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31 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
33 PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act  
34 may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each  
35 appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be  
36 made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the

1 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative  
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

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

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19 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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

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

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

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

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1 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act  
4 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made  
5 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions  
6 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures  
7 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,  
8 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and  
9 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as  
10 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said  
11 funds.  
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13 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
15 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds  
16 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act  
17 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was  
18 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,  
19 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the  
20 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
21 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas  
22 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and  
23 adoption.  
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25 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
26 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
27 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.  
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