

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

HOUSE BILL 1058

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, 2027; 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 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING, BOOZMAN COLLEGE  
29 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, AND THE AREA HEALTH ED. CENTER -  
30 HELENA. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas for  
31 Medical Sciences - Reynolds Center on Aging, Boozman College of Public  
32 Health, Biosciences Institute, and Area Health Education Center - Helena for  
33 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
|         | Maximum Annual |
| Maximum | Salary Rate    |



| Item   | No. of    | Fiscal Year |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| No.  | Employees | 2026-2027   |
| <u>UAMS REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING</u>         |           |             |
| <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>  |           |             |
| <u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>              |           |             |
| (1)  | 5         |             |
|  |           | \$213,928   |
|  |           | \$186,892   |
|  |           | \$172,738   |
|  |           | \$140,094   |
|  |           | \$126,956   |
|  |           | \$118,680   |
|  |           | \$109,536   |
| (2)  | 1         |             |
|  |           | \$69,437    |
|  |           | \$69,437    |
|  |           | \$64,199    |
|  |           | \$61,729    |
|  |           | \$61,729    |
|  |           | \$54,877    |
|  |           | \$54,877    |
|  |           | \$48,785    |
|  |           | \$40,098    |
| <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>  |           |             |
| <u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>                    |           |             |
| (3)  | 19        |             |
|  |           | \$251,312   |
|  |           | \$231,911   |
|  |           | \$218,965   |
|  |           | \$175,946   |
| (4)  | 1         | \$180,856   |
| (5)  | 1         | \$118,978   |
| <u>UAMS BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH</u> |           |             |
| <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>  |           |             |
| <u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>              |           |             |
| (6)  | 1         | \$373,554   |

|    |      |   |    |           |
|----|------|---|----|-----------|
| 1  | (7)  | Associate Dean                              | 1  | \$252,809 |
| 2  | (8)  | Project/Program Administrator               | 2  |           |
| 3  |      | Executive Project/Program Director          |    | \$213,928 |
| 4  |      | Exec. Project/Program Manager               |    | \$186,892 |
| 5  |      | Sr. Project/Program Director                |    | \$172,738 |
| 6  |      | Project/Program Director                    |    | \$140,094 |
| 7  |      | Project/Program Manager                     |    | \$126,956 |
| 8  |      | Executive Assistant                         |    | \$118,680 |
| 9  |      | Project/Program Specialist                  |    | \$109,536 |
| 10 | (9)  | Research Technologist                       | 1  | \$81,232  |
| 11 | (10) | Administrative Support Pool                 | 4  |           |
| 12 |      | Administrative Assistant                    |    | \$69,437  |
| 13 |      | Administrative Analyst                      |    | \$69,437  |
| 14 |      | Administrative Support Supervisor           |    | \$64,199  |
| 15 |      | Administrative Specialist III               |    | \$61,729  |
| 16 |      | Administration Support Specialist           |    | \$61,729  |
| 17 |      | Administrative Specialist II                |    | \$54,877  |
| 18 |      | Administrative Support Specialist           |    | \$54,877  |
| 19 |      | Administrative Specialist I                 |    | \$48,785  |
| 20 |      | Extra Help Assistant                        |    | \$40,098  |
| 21 |      | <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u> |    |           |
| 22 |      | <u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>                   |    |           |
| 23 | (11) | Department Chairperson                      | 5  | \$264,266 |
| 24 | (12) | Faculty Pool                                | 6  |           |
| 25 |      | Professor                                   |    | \$251,312 |
| 26 |      | Associate Professor                         |    | \$231,911 |
| 27 |      | Assistant Professor                         |    | \$218,965 |
| 28 |      | <u>ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE</u>       |    |           |
| 29 |      | <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u> |    |           |
| 30 |      | <u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>             |    |           |
| 31 | (13) | Director of Biosciences Institute           | 1  | \$392,879 |
| 32 | (14) | Research Technologist                       | 6  | \$81,232  |
| 33 | (15) | Research Technician                         | 4  | \$54,877  |
| 34 |      | <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u> |    |           |
| 35 |      | <u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>                   |    |           |
| 36 | (16) | Faculty Pool                                | 24 |           |

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|----|---|----------|-----------|
| 1  | Research Professor                                |          | \$245,440 |
| 2  | Associate Research Professor                      |          | \$231,909 |
| 3  | Assistant Research Professor                      |          | \$218,965 |
| 4  | Research Instructor                               |          | \$150,661 |
| 5  | (17) Post Doctoral Fellow                         | 6        | \$151,798 |
| 6  | (18) Graduate Assistant                           | 4        | \$59,215  |
| 7  | <u>UAMS AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER - HELENA</u> |          |           |
| 8  | <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>       |          |           |
| 9  | <u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>                   |          |           |
| 10 | (19) Project/Program Administrator                | 17       |           |
| 11 | Executive Project/Program Director                |          | \$213,928 |
| 12 | Exec. Project/Program Manager                     |          | \$186,892 |
| 13 | Sr. Project/Program Director                      |          | \$172,738 |
| 14 | Project/Program Director                          |          | \$140,094 |
| 15 | Project/Program Manager                           |          | \$126,956 |
| 16 | Executive Assistant                               |          | \$118,680 |
| 17 | Project/Program Specialist                        |          | \$109,536 |
| 18 | (20) Administrative Support Pool                  | 2        |           |
| 19 | Administrative Assistant                          |          | \$69,437  |
| 20 | Administrative Analyst                            |          | \$69,437  |
| 21 | Administrative Support Supervisor                 |          | \$64,199  |
| 22 | Administrative Specialist III                     |          | \$61,729  |
| 23 | Administration Support Specialist                 |          | \$61,729  |
| 24 | Administrative Specialist II                      |          | \$54,877  |
| 25 | Administrative Support Specialist                 |          | \$54,877  |
| 26 | Administrative Specialist I                       |          | \$48,785  |
| 27 | Extra Help Assistant                              |          | \$40,098  |
| 28 | <u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>       |          |           |
| 29 | <u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>                         |          |           |
| 30 | (21) Assistant Professor                          | 1        | \$212,961 |
| 31 | (22) Clinic Instructor                            | <u>1</u> | \$171,123 |
| 32 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                             | 113      |           |

34 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DONALD W. REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING. There  
 35 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,  
 36 to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco

1 Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 2 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Donald W. Reynolds Center on  
 3 Aging for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 5 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6 <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2026-2027</u>          |
| 7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$1,292,959               |
| 8 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 316,765                   |
| 9 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                           |
| 10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE              | 603,713                   |
| 11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL             | 52,128                    |
| 12 (C) PROF. FEES                 | 0                         |
| 13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                | 55,231                    |
| 14 (E) DATA PROC.                 | <u>0</u>                  |
| 15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED      | <u><u>\$2,320,796</u></u> |

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 17 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FAY W. BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.  
 18 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical  
 19 Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the  
 20 Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 21 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Fay W. Boozman College  
 22 of Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 24 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR               |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 25 <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2026-2027</u>          |
| 26 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$2,561,276               |
| 27 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 564,670                   |
| 28 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                           |
| 29 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 50,000                    |
| 30 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 20,000                    |
| 31 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 0                         |
| 32 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                         |
| 33 (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>                  |
| 34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u><u>\$3,195,946</u></u> |

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 36 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to  
 2 be payable from the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account of the  
 3 Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 4 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Biosciences  
 5 Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 7 ITEM                               | FISCAL YEAR        |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 8 <u>NO.</u>                         | <u>2026-2027</u>   |
| 9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES              | \$1,407,267        |
| 10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING   | 337,875            |
| 11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION      |                    |
| 12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE                 | 1,042,499          |
| 13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL                | 23,960             |
| 14 (C) PROF. FEES                    | 37,940             |
| 15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                   | 1,434,680          |
| 16 (E) DATA PROC.                    | 0                  |
| 17 (04) ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL |                    |
| 18 RESEARCH PROGRAM                  | <u>1,896,736</u>   |
| 19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED         | <u>\$6,180,957</u> |

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

22 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical  
 23 Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the  
 24 Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses  
 25 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Area Health Education  
 26 Center in Helena for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

| 28 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 29 <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 30 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$1,237,959      |
| 31 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 316,765          |
| 32 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                  |
| 33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 603,713          |
| 34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 52,128           |
| 35 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 25,000           |
| 36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 0                |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | (E) DATA PROC.            | <u>0</u>                  |
| 2 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,235,565</u></u> |

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4 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS

6 CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROGRAM. In any fiscal year, if the funds

7 received by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the Arkansas

8 Biosciences Institute in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute appropriation in

9 this Act are less than the total amount appropriated, the University of

10 Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall provide no less than thirty-three and

11 one-third percent (33 and 1/3%) of the available funds for the Arkansas

12 Children’s Hospital Research Program. Otherwise, the Arkansas Children’s

13 Hospital Research Program line item appropriation in the Arkansas Biosciences

14 Institute appropriation in this Act shall be funded in total or Arkansas

15 Children’s Hospital Chief Executive Officer may request that the University

16 of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal year from

17 the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account to the Department of Human

18 Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match

19 federal funds used for Supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children’s

20 Hospital.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~

22 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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24 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

26 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be

27 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-513, but only as

28 provided by this act.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~

30 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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32 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

34 PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act

35 may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each

36 appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be

1 made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the  
2 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative  
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~  
36 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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2 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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14 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

16 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds  
17 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act  
18 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was  
19 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,  
20 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the  
21 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
22 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas  
23 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and  
24 adoption.

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26 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
27 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
28 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.