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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

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
16 LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARDS
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
18 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	(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	No. Code Title	2026-2027
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	NO.	2026-2027
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.

11			Maximum Annual
12		Maximum	Salary Rate
13	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
14	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</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) PHP01C 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	<u>1</u> GRADE SGS06
20	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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22 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS DIETETICS LICENSING

23 BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be

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

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

26 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board for

27 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$47,260
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,775
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
36	(C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$71,035</u></u>

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5 SECTION 13. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF

6 DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There is hereby established for the Department of

7 Health - Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians for the 2026-2027 fiscal

8 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(1) PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	<u>1</u> GRADE SGS06
15	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1

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17 SECTION 14. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS. There

18 is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of

19 Dispensing Opticians for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum

20 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",

21 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary

22 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those

23 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

24 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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26 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF DISPENSING

27 OPTICIANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be

28 payable from the Board of Dispensing Opticians' Fund, for personal services

29 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of

30 Dispensing Opticians for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$49,750
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,200
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,943

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

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10 SECTION 16. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT

11 DISPENSERS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health -

12 Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the 2026-2027 fiscal

13 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be

14 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such

15 purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of

16 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

17 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

18 classification.

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20 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF HEARING

21 INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

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

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

24 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of

25 Hearing Instrument Dispensers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

26 following:

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

1 (E) DATA PROC. 0
 2 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$50,678

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

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

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

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

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

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

27	28	29	30	Maximum Annual
Item	Class	No. of	Employees	Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Employees	Fiscal Year
31	32	33	34	35
(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
(6)	CPR05P	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07

1	(7)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS06
2	(8)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
3	(9)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
4	(10)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
5	(11)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
6	(12)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	8	GRADE SGS02
7	(13)	MNU04P NURSE PRACTITIONER	1	GRADE MED08
8	(14)	MNU07C REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER	2	GRADE MED07
9	(15)	MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	3	GRADE MED05
10	(16)	IIS06P IT INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
11	(17)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST02
12		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	30	

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

15 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State

16 Board of Nursing for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number

17 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable

18 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-

19 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in

20 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this

21 act for the appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF

24 NURSING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be

25 payable from the State Board of Nursing Fund, for personal services and

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

27 Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,983,688
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	689,959
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,040,914
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	43,448

1	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>1,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,766,009</u></u>

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7 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - SCHOLAR
 8 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health - Arkansas
 9 State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 10 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 11 the Nursing Student Loan Program to make student loans for the fiscal year
 12 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

13		
14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) NURSING STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - NURSING
 19 EDUCATION WORKSHOPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 20 Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 21 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 22 of the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing - Nursing
 23 Education Workshops for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

24		
25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
27	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$14,325
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30	(C) PROF. FEES	2,000
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$16,325</u></u>

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35 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING - ARKANSAS
 36 CENTER FOR NURSING GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

1 Health - Arkansas State Board of Nursing, to be payable from the State Board
 2 of Nursing Fund, for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for
 3 the Arkansas Center for Nursing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 4 following:

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

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 10 SECTION 27. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY.

11 There is hereby established for the Department of Health - State Board of
 12 Optometry for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 13 regular employees.

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

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 23 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY.

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

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$110,887
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	40,545
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	32,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

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

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

11			Maximum Annual
12		Maximum	Salary Rate
13	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
14	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
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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24 SECTION 30. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY. There is
25 hereby authorized, for the Department of Health - Arkansas State Board of
26 Pharmacy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
27 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
28 appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) temporary or part-time
29 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
30 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
31 for the appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
34 PHARMACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health -
35 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
36 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

1 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Health -
 2 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 3 the following:

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

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

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

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

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Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	PHP01C 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 NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
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1 (01) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM \$200,000

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 3 SECTION 36. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS BOARD OF PODIATRIC
 4 MEDICINE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 5 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 6 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
 7 expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine
 8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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 22 SECTION 37. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD.
 23 There is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas
 24 Psychology Board for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 25 of regular employees.

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

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 35 SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD.
 36 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from

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

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

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

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

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

35	Maximum	Maximum Annual
36	Maximum	Salary Rate

Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
(1)	PHP01C 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	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(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><u>\$219,417</u></u>

SECTION 43. REGULAR SALARIES - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE

1 PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby established for the Department of
 2 Health - Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for
 3 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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5			Maximum Annual
6			Salary Rate
7	Item Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
8	No. Code Title	No. of	2026-2027
		Employees	
9	(1) PHP01C HEALTH BOARD DIRECTOR I	1	GRADE SGS06
10	(2) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS04
11	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

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 13 SECTION 44. EXTRA HELP - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
 14 PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of
 15 Health - Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for
 16 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 17 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 18 appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time
 19 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 20 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 21 for the appropriate classification.
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23 SECTION 45. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-
 24 LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 25 Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
 26 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 27 services and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Board of
 28 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 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	\$98,930
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,482
36	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

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

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 8 SECTION 46. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION. There
 9 is hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord
 10 Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 11 regular employees.

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

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 28 SECTION 47. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - STATE
 29 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
 30 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services
 31 and operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord
 32 Commission 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	\$1,235,781

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

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12 SECTION 48. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD

13 COMMISSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be

14 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

15 the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Health - Arkansas

16 Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

17 following:

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

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29 SECTION 49. APPROPRIATION - CASH - ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION.

30 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from

31 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

32 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of

33 Health - Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,

34 2027, the following:

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

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10 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
12 STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR CONSUMER
13 COMPLAINTS. Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of the available appropriation in
14 the Professional Fees Line item of this act shall be made available to the
15 board for the purpose of contracting an independent or private investigator
16 for investigative services regarding complaints submitted by consumers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 (2) The report shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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34 SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
36 STATE BOARD OF NURSING - FUNDING TRANSFER. The Arkansas State Board of

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

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

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

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 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
28 ARKANSAS SPINAL CORD COMMISSION - LINE ITEM TRANSFER. Any savings made in the
29 State Appropriation may, after receiving advice and approval of the
30 Department of Finance and Administration, be transferred to the Spinal
31 Treatment Program.

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

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

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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