

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 70

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
10 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 HEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
16 REAPPROPRIATION.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash
23 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
24 Officer of the State the following:

25 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
26 in Item (A) of Section 2 of Act 382 of 2025, for replacement of the Arkansas
27 Department of Health main facility, in a sum not to exceed\$114,000,000.
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29 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
30 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the
31 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the
32 following:

33 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
34 in Item (D) of Section 3 of Act 382 of 2025, for replacement of the Arkansas
35 Department of Health main facility, in a sum not to exceed\$30,031,020.
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1 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

13 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
14 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
15 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
16 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
17 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
18 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
19 otherwise by law.
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21 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
33 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

1 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
2 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
3 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
4 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
5 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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