

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

SENATE BILL 9

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 THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 HEALTH - ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION FOR THE
11 MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE OF THE TARGETED STATE
12 NEEDS PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
13 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH
18 INITIATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
19 ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE. There is
27 hereby established for the Department of Health - Arkansas Minority Health
28 Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
29 regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
35	(1)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE SPC02
36	(2)	PHS05P HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07



1	(3) HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
2	(4) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
3	(5) MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	<u>1</u>	GRADE MED05
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	6	

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6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY HEALTH INITIATIVE. There is hereby
7 appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Targeted
8 State Needs Program Account, for personal services and operating expenses of
9 the Department of Health - Arkansas Minority Health Commission - Arkansas
10 Minority Health Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
11 following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$326,124
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	122,431
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	531,788
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	250,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	0
24	(05) SCREENING, MONITORING, TREATING &	
25	OUTREACH	<u>558,554</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,808,897</u></u>

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28 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
30 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish
31 upon request for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission a special
32 Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional
33 items. When the Arkansas Minority Health Commission wishes to transfer from
34 its operating expenses and/or Screening, Monitoring, Treating, Outreach &
35 Advertising appropriation and funds to the promotional items line, the
36 request shall be forwarded by the Arkansas Minority Health Commission to the

1 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by
2 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the
3 maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and
4 general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the
5 prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
6 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
7 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
8 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
9 has determined that the Arkansas Minority Health Commission may operate more
10 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Health -
11 Arkansas Minority Health Commission authorizing broad powers under this
12 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
13 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
15 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
16 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
17 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional
18 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
20 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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22 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
24 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be
25 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-513, but only as
26 provided by this act.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
28 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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30 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFERS
32 OF APPROPRIATION. In the event the amount of any of the budget
33 classifications of maintenance and general operation in this act are found by
34 the administrative head of the agency to be inadequate, then the agency head
35 may request, upon forms provided for such purpose by the Chief Fiscal Officer
36 of the State, a modification of the amounts of the budget classification. In

1 that event, he or she shall set out on the forms the particular
2 classifications for which he or she is requesting an increase or decrease,
3 the amounts thereof, and his or her reasons therefor. In no event shall the
4 total amount of the budget exceed either the amount of the appropriation or
5 the amount of the funds available, nor shall any transfer be made from the
6 capital outlay or data processing subclassifications unless specific
7 authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from
8 capital outlay to data processing when determined by the Department of Shared
9 Administrative Services - Office of State Technology that data processing
10 services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis
11 by the Department of Shared Administrative Services - Office of State
12 Technology than through the purchase of data processing equipment by that
13 state agency. In considering the proposed modification as prepared and
14 submitted by each state agency, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
15 make such studies as he or she deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal Officer of
16 the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative Council or
17 Joint Budget Committee, approve the requested transfer if in his or her
18 opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

19 The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be
20 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and
21 that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer
22 between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General
23 Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of
24 appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
25 Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring
26 prior approval of the Legislative Council in the utilization of the transfer
27 authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council
28 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
29 the Legislative Council is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
30 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
36 POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the

1 State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding
2 any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event
3 that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

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

7 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section
8 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the
9 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Department of Health - Arkansas
10 Minority Health Commission.

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

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
15 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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17 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
19 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act
20 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
21 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
22 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
23 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,
24 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and
25 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as
26 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said
27 funds.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
29 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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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.
33 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds
34 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act
35 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was
36 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,

1 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the
2 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,
3 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas
4 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and
5 adoption.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
7 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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9 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.