

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE BILL 2995

 By: Grego

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to veterans; amending 72 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 229, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 100,
10 O.S.L. 2018 (72 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 229), which
11 relates to the veterans center at Talihina; requiring
12 legislative approval for sale of buildings or land;
13 and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 229, as
16 amended by Section 3, Chapter 100, O.S.L. 2018 (72 O.S. Supp. 2019,
17 Section 229), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 229. A. Until operations are transferred pursuant to
19 subsection B of this section, there is hereby established, in
20 addition to the Oklahoma Veterans Centers established by Sections
21 221 and 226 of this title, the Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina,
22 Oklahoma, on the site of the Oklahoma State Sanatorium, Talihina,
23 Oklahoma. All persons serving as employees of the Oklahoma State
24 Sanatorium under the provisions of the State Merit System of

1 Personnel Administration shall continue to serve as employees of the
2 Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina, provided that such employees
3 remain in the classified service. All employees hired by the
4 Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina on or after the effective date
5 of this act shall be under the Oklahoma Merit System of Personnel
6 Administration, except one manager, one principal assistant or
7 deputy, one private secretary, part-time physicians and other
8 professional personnel engaged in clinical and consultant services.
9 The average number of full-time-equivalent employees utilized in the
10 total operation of the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina, shall not
11 exceed one hundred fifty-three (153) during the fiscal year ending
12 June 30, 1976. The buildings, equipment and land under the
13 jurisdiction of the Oklahoma State Sanatorium, Talihina, are hereby
14 transferred to the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina; provided,
15 however, sale of any building or land shall require approval by a
16 joint resolution by the Legislature.

17 B. Operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center established
18 pursuant to this section shall continue until such time as
19 operations are transferred to the location identified pursuant to
20 the authority conferred upon the Oklahoma Veterans Commission under
21 Section ~~2~~ 229.1 of this ~~act~~ title.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.
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24 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/27/2020 - DO PASS.