

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 2995

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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