

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

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

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

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

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