1 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2995 By: Grego and Humphrey of the 2 House 3 and 4 Boggs of the Senate 5 6 7 [ veterans - veterans center - requiring legislative approval for sale of buildings or land - effective 8 9 date ] 10 11 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 14 72 O.S. 2011, Section 229, as SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 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 1 remain in the classified service. All employees hired by the 2 Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina on or after the effective date 3 4 of this act shall be under the Oklahoma Merit System of Personnel 5 Administration, except one manager, one principal assistant or deputy, one private secretary, part-time physicians and other 6 7 professional personnel engaged in clinical and consultant services. The average number of full-time-equivalent employees utilized in the 8 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.

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

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