

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2395

BY: JOHNSON (Glen)

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS; AMENDING 72 O.S. 1991, SECTION 63.18, WHICH RELATES TO THE GEORGE NIGH REHABILITATION INSTITUTE; ADDING LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING THE OKLAHOMA VETERANS CENTER, OKMULGEE DIVISION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 1991, Section 63.18, is amended to read as follows:

Section 63.18 A. The facility known as the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, described as follows: A tract of land located in Lot 1, Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 16 East of I.B.&M., further described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest Corner of said Lot 1, thence N 89 degrees 42' 40" East along the North line thereof 671.00 feet; thence South parallel to the West line of said Lot 1, 750.00 feet; thence N 89 degrees 42' 40" East 361.51 feet; thence South 567.53 feet to the South line of said Lot 1; thence South 89 degrees 44' West along the South line of said Lot 1, 1032.51 feet to the Southwest Corner thereof; thence North 1317.14 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 25 acres, more or less is hereby transferred from

the Department of Human Services to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to be administered pursuant to such rules and policies as prescribed by the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma. The transfer shall include all real property, buildings, furniture, equipment, supplies, records, personnel, assets, current and future liabilities, fund balances, encumbrances, obligations, indebtedness, powers, duties and responsibilities associated with the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute. Additionally, there is hereby established the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Okmulgee Division, as a component of such facility to be operated in accordance with Title 38 CFR 17.165.

B. All monies remaining in any funds or accounts in the name of the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute or maintained by the Department of Human Services for the benefit of the Institute are transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Any remaining bond proceeds and the interest earned on the bond proceeds associated with the construction of the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute which would otherwise be payable to the Department of Human Services are transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

C. All employees of the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute on the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs without loss of pay, seniority, rights, privileges or benefits, and without change in status, whether classified or unclassified, as provided in the Oklahoma Personnel Act.

D. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may contract with the Department of Human Services for the completion of construction of the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute by the construction crews of the Department of Human Services. If the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs contracts with the Department of Human Services, the Department of Human Services shall give priority to the completion of the Institute.

E. In addition to war veterans, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may accept any other persons as patients at the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute.

F. The Director of Public Affairs, the Director of State Finance and the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management shall coordinate the transfers made pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

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