

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2695

By: Hamilton (James) and
Steidley of the House

and

Taylor and Haney of the
Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of
Veterans Affairs; providing for duties and
compensation of employees; establishing budgetary
limitations; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs by law shall be set by the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma. The salary of the Director shall not exceed Fifty-six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$56,375.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and

special projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	0.0
Payroll, Salaries or Wages, Including Tax-sheltered Deferment Contracts and Longevity	
Payments Authorized by State Statutes	\$0.00
Professional and Personal Services Contracts	\$0.00
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00
Purchase of Equipment	\$0.00
Expenditure of Revolving Funds	\$0.00
Expenditure of Federal Funds	\$0.00
Total Expenditures for Operations	\$0.00

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 41.7 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall file its budget work program with the Director of State Finance and the Legislative Service Bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, to include the following budget entities and activities:

- Central Office Administration
- State Accrediting Agency
- Ardmore Veterans Center
- Claremore Veterans Center
- Clinton Veterans Center
- George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute
- Norman Veterans Center
- Sulphur Veterans Center
- Talihina Veterans Center
- Financial Assistance to Veterans and Dependent Children

SECTION 3. The appropriation made by Section ___ of this act may be used for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled veterans

pursuant to the provisions of Section 68.2 of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes and to aid the destitute minor dependents of disabled, destitute or deceased honorably discharged war veterans. The aid to destitute minor dependents shall be expended by the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma to maintain, support, and educate said minor dependents on a per capita basis of not to exceed Thirteen Dollars (\$13.00) per capita, per day. A minor dependent may continue to receive said aid for a maximum of three (3) years after attaining eighteen (18) years of age if the minor dependent is attending a high school or a school of equivalent level which has been approved by the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma. For the purposes of this section, "minor dependents" means those minor dependents who have been or whose parents, guardians, or custodians have been or had been at the time of death, citizens of this state for a period of three (3) years.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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