

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1071

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution requiring the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Office of Personnel Management to cooperate in developing a job description on qualifications for mental health aides; specifying time limit; requiring certain qualifications; providing for distribution; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, mental health aides provide important and valuable services for mental health patients and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the classification of Mental Health Aide I is currently a noncompetitive appointment, along with porters, janitors, food service helpers, and other positions of unskilled labor; and

WHEREAS, this does not accurately reflect the training and professionalism required for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of mental health aides.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. A. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Office of Personnel Management shall cooperate to develop an appropriate job description and minimum employment qualifications for the position of Mental Health Aide I in the competitive classified service. Said job description and

employment qualifications shall be adopted and implemented by January 1, 1995.

B. On and after January 1, 1995, all new employees for the position of Mental Health Aide I shall meet the minimum qualifications provided for by this section for classified employment.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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