

An Act relating to the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute; amending 72 O.S. 1991, Section 63.18, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 312, O.S.L. 1992 and 222.1 (72 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 63.18), which relate to the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute; modifying provisions related to transfer of certain asset consisting of real property; providing for transfer from the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; removing certain facility component and division; providing for legislative intent; modifying powers to contract; modifying provisions related to certain patients; modifying provisions related to the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute Revolving Fund; modifying references; directing the Regents to enter into an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; providing certain conditions; directing the Regents to make a study and determination on the transfer of the Institute; requiring certain notification to employees; providing for the transfer of the Institute to an institution of higher education; stating intent regarding employee pay and benefits; transferring the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute Revolving Fund; providing for election to retain membership in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; authorizing election for membership in the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; imposing requirements on certain employers with respect to contributions; imposing requirement with respect to employee contributions; providing for continued membership in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System for certain persons; providing for computation of participating service credit; prescribing procedures for election for certain employees to become members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; imposing requirements on employers with respect to contributions; imposing requirements with respect to employee contributions; providing for applicability of certain statutory provisions; requiring assistance by the Department of Veterans Affairs; providing for codification; providing for recodification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.