ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1031

By: Haney and Hobson of the Senate

and

Mass and Bonny of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; making an appropriation; stating purpose; requiring budgeting in certain categories and amounts; requiring certain performance measures; providing for duties and compensation of employees; limiting the salary of the Director; providing budgetary limitations; making certain appropriations nonfiscal; requiring budgeting of certain funds in certain years; requiring certain budgeting procedures; prohibiting certain budget procedures; providing lapse dates; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the sum of Twenty-six Million Six Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Six Dollars ($26,687,506.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs by law.

SECTION 2. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

Category	Appropriation	Total
Central Administration	$ 318,050.00	$ 5,736,210.00
Claims and Benefits	324,700.00	1,986,751.00
Nursing Facilities	25,061,686.00	70,256,842.00
State Accrediting Agency	0.00	362,615.00

Capital Lease	983,070.00	983,070.00
TOTAL	$26,687,506.00	$79,325,488.00

The agency shall develop outcome-based performance measures for each budget category.

SECTION 3. 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 Director. The salary of the Director shall not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

Budgetary Limitation	Amount
Full-time-equivalent Employees	1,998.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	$10,000.00

SECTION 4. Appropriations made by this act, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003 (hereafter FY-03), or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 (hereafter FY-04). Funds budgeted for FY-03 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2003, and must be expended by November 15, 2003. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2003, and not budgeted for FY-04, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-04 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2004. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2004, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-03, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-04, after the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-03 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 6. 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.

Passed the Senate the 7th day of May, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of May, 2002.

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of Representatives