

An Act relating to the Department of Rehabilitative Services; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 1419, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 269, O.S.L. 1995 (10 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1419), which relates to the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf; modifying employment authority of the Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services; defining certain professionals and other staffing; providing for powers and duties of the Director; providing for duties and compensation of employees; making certain personnel eligible for membership in the Teachers' Retirement System; providing for adoption of personnel policies; authorizing certain disciplinary action; making such action not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act; providing for notification regarding certain contracts; deleting obsolete language; specifying applicability of act; defining terms; providing certain instructional personnel with right to trial de novo; providing for notification procedures, waiver, filing of petition, service of process, trial procedure and appeal; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.