

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1947

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 29, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 1999 (56 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 162.6), which relates to performance recognition of employees of the Department of Human Services; modifying awards; authorizing purchase of certain recognition awards; authorizing ceremonies and banquets for presentation; defining type of awards which may be presented; authorizing certain cash awards for certain purpose; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 29, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 1999 (56 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 162.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 162.6 A. In order to establish a public employee benefit program to encourage outstanding performance in the workplace, the Department of Human Services is hereby directed to establish an on-the-job employee performance recognition program which encourages outstanding job performance and productivity.

B. In order to promote excellence in job performance and provide recognition for work units with exceptional performance, the Department of Human Services is authorized to expend from monies available in the Department of Human Services operating funds so much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of recognition awards for presentation to the members of work units or individual employees with exceptional job performance records or for other significant contributions to the operation of the Department.

~~Recognition awards shall consist of distinctive wearing apparel, service pins, or U.S. Savings Bonds, the value of which shall not~~

~~exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per employee, which recognize the achievement of the work unit or individual employees.~~

C. The purchase of recognition awards to be presented to members of work units or individual employees having exceptional job performance records or other significant contributions and for a formal ceremony or banquet where the awards may be presented.

D. 1. Recognition awards may consist of distinctive wearing apparel, service pins, plaques, writing pens, or other distinguished awards of a value not exceeding One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per award to recognize the achievement of the work unit or individual employee.

2. In addition to recognition awards, the Department may establish an employee benefit program not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) each fiscal year for cash awards to recognize outstanding performance in the workplace by the employees of the Department.

SECTION 2. 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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