

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1086

By: Bengel, Newport and
Wesselhoft of the House

and

Morgan and Crutchfield of
the Senate

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; making an appropriation; stating purpose; requiring budgeting in certain categories and amounts; requiring expenditure for certain purposes and stating legislative intent related thereto; providing for duties and compensation of employees; limiting salary of the Director; providing budgetary limitations; requiring and 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:

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, 2006, the sum of Thirty-six Million Forty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$36,040,332.00) 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, 2006, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Central Administration	\$ 420,761.00	\$ 6,186,360.00
Nursing Facilities	34,351,762.00	107,520,217.00
Claims and Benefits	406,411.00	1,979,113.00
Capital Lease	861,398.00	861,398.00
State Accrediting Agency	<u>0.00</u>	<u>491,336.00</u>
TOTAL	\$36,040,332.00	\$117,038,424.00

SECTION 3. From the funds appropriated to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs in Section 1 of this act, Two Million Ninety-eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$2,098,290.00)

shall be expended to hire new patient care assistants or personnel providing direct care to residents of veteran centers. Of the sixty-nine new positions funded for this purpose, fifty positions shall be allocated to the facility known as the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Lawton/Ft. Sill Division. It is the intent of the Legislature that these additional fifty positions allow the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Lawton/Ft. Sill Division to operate at capacity.

SECTION 4. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Director by law shall be set by the Director. The salary of the Director shall not exceed Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	1,998.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$10,000.00

SECTION 5. Appropriations made by this act, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 (hereafter FY-06) or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 (hereafter FY-07). Funds budgeted for FY-06 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2006, and must be expended by November 15, 2006. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2006, and not budgeted for FY-07, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-07 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2007. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2007, 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-06, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-07, 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-06 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 7. 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 House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 27th day of May, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate