

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1846

By: Jolley and Johnson  
(Constance) of the Senate

3 and

4 Cooksey of the House

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6 [ veterans - defining terms - implement certain

7 services - codification -

8 effective date ]

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

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 405 of Title 72, unless there is  
13 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. As used in this section:

15 1. "Military personnel" means any currently enlisted member of  
16 the Armed Forces of the United States or the Reserve Corps of the  
17 Armed Forces of the United States who is a resident of this state or  
18 who is assigned to duty in this state; and

19 2. "Veteran" means any person who is currently a resident of  
20 this state who, due to services performed as a member of the Armed  
21 Forces of the United States or the Reserve Corps of the Armed Forces  
22 of the United States, is eligible for any state, local, or federal  
23 benefit, program, or service for veterans.

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1 B. Contingent upon the availability of designated funds, the  
2 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall develop and implement:

3 1. A telephone hotline to provide, at all practicable hours of  
4 need, information, support, and referral assistance regarding all  
5 local, state, and federal benefits, programs, or services available  
6 to military personnel or veterans; and

7 2. A website providing a platform for instant online  
8 communication with the Department, by which military personnel or  
9 veterans may obtain the same or similar information, support, and  
10 assistance specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

11 C. Upon the successful implementation and confirmed operability  
12 of a service described in subsection B of this section, the Director  
13 of the Department shall provide information to the public regarding  
14 the use, availability, and means of accessing such service through  
15 advertising, public service announcements, and any other appropriate  
16 media.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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