

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 24, 2011

3 SENATE BILL NO. 449

By: Brecheen of the Senate

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5 Newell of the House

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8 An Act relating to chaplains; requiring certain  
9 minimum qualifications for certain position;  
10 providing limitation; directing adoption of certain  
11 rules; specifying type of educational requirement;  
12 providing for noncodification; and providing an  
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 A. Except as provided in Section 2-105B of Title 47 of the  
18 Oklahoma Statutes and upon the effective date of this act, the  
19 position of chaplain and any minimum qualifications as designated  
20 pursuant to rule by the Office of Personnel Management shall be  
21 subject to the minimum qualifications pursuant to subsection B of  
22 this section. The Office of Personnel Management shall adopt rules  
23 consistent with the provisions of this section.

24 B. A bachelor's or master's degree in the field of divinity,  
theology or religious education shall not be an educational

1 requirement for the position of chaplain. However, a bachelor's or  
2 master's degree in any other field of study in addition to  
3 experience related to religious practices may be required.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-21-11  
6 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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