

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 153

By: David of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to the State Department of  
7 Rehabilitation Services; amending 74 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 840-5.12, which relates to classification of  
9 employees; increasing number of unclassified  
10 employees in the Disability Determination Division;  
and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-5.12, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 840-5.12. A. The State Department of Rehabilitation  
15 Services shall be under the Merit System. Except as otherwise  
16 provided in this section, all offices, positions and personnel shall  
17 be classified and subject to the provisions of the Merit System of  
18 Personnel Administration and rules promulgated hereunder. This  
19 section shall supersede and repeal any and all executive orders  
20 issued pursuant to Section 840-1.1 et seq. of this title to place  
21 the agency or its predecessors under the Merit System.

22 B. In addition to offices, positions and personnel that are  
23 unclassified pursuant to Section 840-5.5 of this title, the Director  
24 of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services may establish

1 positions in the unclassified service and place employees in the  
2 positions provided the total number of unclassified positions does  
3 not exceed fifty-two ~~(52)~~. This limit does not include State  
4 Department of Rehabilitation Services employees subject to Section  
5 840-5.3 of this title.

6 C. The limit on unclassified positions provided for in  
7 subsection B of this section shall not apply to the instructional  
8 and administrative personnel at the Oklahoma School for the Blind  
9 and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf as listed in Section 1419 of  
10 Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 D. The limit on unclassified positions provided for in  
12 subsection B of this section shall not apply to the employees of the  
13 Disability Determination Division of the State Department of  
14 Rehabilitation Services. The Director of the State Department of  
15 Rehabilitation Services may establish positions in the unclassified  
16 service in the Disability Determination Division and may place  
17 employees in those positions provided the total number of those  
18 unclassified positions does not exceed ~~fourteen~~ twenty-one.

19 E. Instructional and administrative personnel of the State  
20 Department of Rehabilitation Services at the Oklahoma School for the  
21 Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf pursuant to Section 1419  
22 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be considered  
23 unclassified state employees solely for the purpose of entering and  
24 maintaining employment data in the state Personnel Management

1 Information System established pursuant to Section 840-2.13 of this  
2 title, unless otherwise provided by law.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

4 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
9 2015.

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