

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 228
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Research Analysis

Engrossed SB 228 creates the “Quality Workforce for Oklahoma’s Heroes Act.” Beginning November 1st, 2013, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is authorized to establish education and training programs for their employees to improve the quality of care in Department institutions. In order to provide the programs, the Department may contract with accredited institutions. An employee that successfully completes a program will be eligible for additional education and training. Participating employees will sign a promissory note for the expenses payable to the Department by remaining in employment. Finally, the measure authorizes the Department to cover fees for employees to maintain their licenses and/or certifications in order to provide quality care and maintain accreditation. Repayment may be required.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 228 in its current form authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to pay for certain educational expenses and license fees. The measure’s language regarding ODVA payments is permissive and not mandatory. ODVA’s decision to implement programs authorized by the measure is at ODVA’s discretion. The measure does not require program expansion or expenditure by ODVA; for these reasons the measure has no direct fiscal impact on the State Budget or Appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None at this time