

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 232
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Research Analysis

SB 232 consolidates the State Accrediting Agency into the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. All assets, funds, etc. would be immediately transferred, and personnel would transfer on July 1, 2017. The measure directs the Director of ODVA to coordinate the transition.

The measure also repeals the following sections of Title 72 – Soldiers and Sailors:

- § 241. State Accrediting Agency - Members - Contracts with Federal Agencies
- § 242. Officers - Rules and Regulations - Qualifications and Duties of Staff

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 232 has no fiscal implications to the state.

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Other Considerations

SB 232 offers no revenue or expense to either the State Accrediting Agency (SAA) or the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA). ODVA supports SB 232 to place SAA within the administrative control of the ODVA. Currently, the federal government funds all of the SAA's expenses and ODVA is responsible for the administration of accounts attributed to the SAA. Furthermore, the SAA will be physically located with ODVA when it relocates to the new location. It is ODVA's contention that it can offer the SAA assistance to achieve at a minimum the national average on participation for the GI Bill which would bring an additional 5-7 million dollars per year to the state in educational assistance. Oklahoma has not yet achieved the same success in obtaining these educational outcomes as states that have the SAA as a subordinate agency to either the ODVA or another state agency.