

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4   HOUSE BILL 1149

                              By: Grego of the House

5                                               and

6                                               **Silk** of the Senate

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9                                               AS INTRODUCED

10                   An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; amending 72  
11                   O.S. 2011, Section 229, as amended by Section 3,  
12                   Chapter 100, O.S.L. 2018 (72 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
13                   229), which relates to the veterans center at  
14                   Talihina; eliminating authorization to transfer  
15                   veterans center location; repealing Section 2,  
16                   Chapter 100, O.S.L. 2018 (72 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
17                   229.1), which relates to transfer of Talihina  
18                   veterans center; and providing an effective date.

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

19                   SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           72 O.S. 2011, Section 229, as  
20                   amended by Section 3, Chapter 100, O.S.L. 2018 (72 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
21                   Section 229), is amended to read as follows:

22                   Section 229. ~~A. Until operations are transferred pursuant to~~  
23                   ~~subsection B of this section, there~~ There is hereby established, in  
24                   addition to the Oklahoma Veterans Centers established by Sections

1 221 and 226 of this title, the Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina,  
2 Oklahoma, on the site of the Oklahoma State Sanatorium, Talihina,  
3 Oklahoma. All persons serving as employees of the Oklahoma State  
4 Sanatorium under the provisions of the State Merit System of  
5 Personnel Administration shall continue to serve as employees of the  
6 Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina, provided that such employees  
7 remain in the classified service. All employees hired by the  
8 Oklahoma Veterans Center at Talihina on or after the effective date  
9 of this act shall be under the Oklahoma Merit System of Personnel  
10 Administration, except one manager, one principal assistant or  
11 deputy, one private secretary, part-time physicians and other  
12 professional personnel engaged in clinical and consultant services.  
13 The average number of full-time-equivalent employees utilized in the  
14 total operation of the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina, shall not  
15 exceed one hundred fifty-three (153) during the fiscal year ending  
16 June 30, 1976. The buildings, equipment and land under the  
17 jurisdiction of the Oklahoma State Sanatorium, Talihina, are hereby  
18 transferred to the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina.

19 ~~B. Operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center established~~  
20 ~~pursuant to this section shall continue until such time as~~  
21 ~~operations are transferred to the location identified pursuant to~~  
22 ~~the authority conferred upon the Oklahoma Veterans Commission under~~  
23 ~~Section 2 of this act.~~

1       SECTION 2.       REPEALER       Section 2, Chapter 100, O.S.L. 2018  
2 (72 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 229.1), is hereby repealed.

3       SECTION 3.   This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.  
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/27/2019 - DO PASS,  
6 As Coauthored.  
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