

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1179

By: Simpson of the Senate

3 and

4 Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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6 An Act relating to commissions and hospitals;  
7 amending 72 O.S. 2021, Section 63.10, which relates  
8 to establishment of training programs; modifying  
9 training programs; updating statutory language;  
10 clarifying period of time for certain reimbursements;  
11 and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 63.10, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 63.10. A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs  
16 is hereby authorized to establish within ~~said~~ the Department or  
17 within any of the institutions operated by the Department training  
18 programs to train necessary personnel for the Department or its  
19 institutions, or may arrange for programs with any public or private  
20 school, entity or institution ~~within this state having available~~  
21 ~~facilities for training.~~ Training may occur individually pursuant  
22 to the Quality Workforce for Oklahoma's Heroes Act. Funds of the  
23 Department or its institutions may be used to pay salaries or  
24 tuition and subsistence for employees or prospective employees in

1 ~~said~~ the training programs, pursuant to the provisions of subsection  
2 B of this section.

3 B. Any employee or prospective employee who, while receiving  
4 such training is paid a salary, or for whom tuition and subsistence  
5 are furnished shall enter into a contract with the Department prior  
6 to receiving any payment for salary, tuition, or subsistence. The  
7 contract shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations  
8 promulgated by the Oklahoma Veterans Commission and shall include a  
9 stipulation that, unless the employee or prospective employee  
10 continues in the employ of the Department for a period ~~equivalent~~ of  
11 time that is greater than or equal to the length of the training,  
12 the employee or prospective employee shall reimburse the Department  
13 or institution for the amount of money paid to or for him or her by  
14 the Department during the training period.

15 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 16th day of February, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2022.

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