An Act

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1179

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

Hardin (Tommy) of the House

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

SUBJECT: Training programs

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

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

Section 63.10. A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby authorized to establish within said the Department or within any of the institutions operated by the Department training programs to train necessary personnel for the Department or its institutions, or may arrange for programs with any public <u>or private</u> school, <u>entity</u> or institution within this state having available facilities for training. <u>Training may occur individually pursuant</u> to the Quality Workforce for Oklahoma's Heroes Act. Funds of the Department or its institutions may be used to pay salaries or tuition and subsistence for employees or prospective employees in said the training programs, pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section.

B. Any employee or prospective employee who, while receiving such training is paid a salary, or for whom tuition and subsistence

are furnished shall enter into a contract with the Department prior to receiving any payment for salary, tuition, or subsistence. The contract shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Oklahoma Veterans Commission and shall include a stipulation that, unless the employee or prospective employee continues in the employ of the Department for a period equivalent of time that is greater than or equal to the length of the training, the employee or prospective employee shall reimburse the Department or institution for the amount of money paid to or for him or her by the Department during the training period.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval. Passed the Senate the 16th day of February, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of April, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

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