

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 4, 2021

3 SENATE BILL NO. 285

By: Simpson

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7 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; requiring  
8 the Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the  
9 Union Soldiers Home; requiring determination of  
10 measures and funds necessary to meet United States  
11 Department of Veterans Affairs standards; requiring  
12 submission of findings to the President Pro Tempore  
of the Senate and Speaker of the House; authorizing  
the Department to seek assistance from the Adjutant  
General and state agencies; providing for  
codification; providing an effective date; and  
declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 118 of Title 44, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall evaluate  
20 the condition of the land and property known as the Union Soldiers  
21 Home and determine the measures and the amount of funds necessary to  
22 meet all standards required by the United States Department of  
23 Veterans Affairs including those required to designate the property  
24 as a State Veterans Cemetery. The Department shall submit a report

1 to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
2 House of Representatives by November 1, 2021.

3 B. The Department is authorized to seek assistance from the  
4 Adjutant General and any state agency as necessary to fulfill the  
5 requirements of this section.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
12 February 4, 2021 - DO PASS  
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