

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3042 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Josh West

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3042

By: West (Josh)

PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to veterans; creating the Oklahoma Veterans Assistance Fund; describing source of funds; describing purpose; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 435 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created an agency special account, for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated the "Oklahoma Veterans Assistance Fund". Unless reauthorized in law, this agency special account will expire on July 1, 2031. The fund shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs from nonappropriated revenue streams, including donations and eligible federal funds. All monies in the fund shall be used exclusively for the payment of operational costs of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise funded

1 through legislative appropriations. Expenditures may include, but
2 are not limited to, veterans' programs, state veteran cemeteries,
3 state veteran homes, veteran workforce development, veteran outreach
4 initiatives, and other expenses necessary for the support of
5 veterans as determined by the Department. Monies in the fund shall
6 not be subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be carried
7 forward from year to year. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans
8 Affairs shall:

9 1. Maintain accounting records for exempt funds on a basis
10 consistent with applicable federal requirements;

11 2. Submit quarterly informational reports to the Governor, the
12 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives, and the Director of Office of Management and
14 Enterprise Services identifying sources, amounts, purposes, and
15 expenditures of such funds; and

16 3. Remain subject to examination by the State Auditor and
17 Inspector and to all federal audit and compliance requirements.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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

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