

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 13, 2025

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 723

5 By: Woods and Stanley

6 An Act relating to veterans; amending 72 O.S. 2021,  
7 Sections 63.18A and 64, which relate to the Oklahoma  
8 Department of Veterans Affairs and exempt positions;  
9 removing obsolete language; providing certain  
10 exemption; updating statutory reference; and  
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 63.18A, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 63.18A. The following positions and personnel at the  
16 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall be ~~in the unclassified~~  
17 civil service **exempt** as provided in the ~~Oklahoma Personnel Act Civil~~  
Service and Human Capital Modernization Act:

- 18 1. Physicians assistants;
- 19 2. Occupational therapists;
- 20 3. Physical therapists;
- 21 4. Pharmacists;
- 22 5. Speech pathologists;
- 23 6. Nurse practitioners;
- 24 7. Physical therapy assistants;

- 1 8. Administrative Assistant to the Director;
- 2 9. Programs Administrators;
- 3 10. Administrators, Veterans Centers; and
- 4 11. Assistant Administrators, Veterans Centers.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 64, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 64. The status of positions that have been exempted by  
8 executive order and positions previously authorized to be ~~in the~~  
9 ~~unclassified service~~ exempt from civil service rules are not  
10 affected by **this act**.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
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