

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   ENGROSSED SENATE

BILL NO. 770

By: Hines of the Senate

5                   and

6                   Eaves of the House

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9                   An Act relating to rehabilitation services; amending  
10          74 O.S. 2021, Section 166.2, which relates to the  
11          Commission for Rehabilitation Services; expanding  
12          membership of the Commission; removing obsolete  
13          language; specifying duration and dates of terms;  
14          stipulating process for appointment of additional  
15          members; updating statutory language; and declaring  
16          an emergency.

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

18                   SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       74 O.S. 2021, Section 166.2, is

19          amended to read as follows:

20          Section 166.2. A. Effective July 1, 1993, there is hereby  
21          created the Commission for Rehabilitation Services, an agency of ~~the~~  
22          State of Oklahoma this state, a body corporate and politic, with  
23          powers of government and with the authority to exercise the rights,  
24          privileges and functions as herein specified, with its lawful  
operations deemed to be an essential governmental function of ~~the~~  
State of Oklahoma this state with all the attributes thereof.

1       B. The Commission shall appoint and remove the Director of the  
2 State Department of Rehabilitation Services, approve programs,  
3 policy and budget, and perform the necessary functions of a  
4 governing board for the State Department of Rehabilitation Services.

5       C. 1. The Commission shall consist of ~~three (3)~~ seven (7)  
6 members, to be appointed by June 15, 1993, as follows:

- 7       a. ~~one member~~ two members shall be appointed by the  
8                      President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate for  
9                      ~~a three-year term~~,  
10      b. ~~one member~~ two members shall be appointed by the  
11                     Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for a  
12                     ~~three year term~~, and  
13      c. ~~one member~~ three members shall be appointed by the  
14                     Governor for a ~~three-year term~~.

15     2. ~~Thereafter, beginning with the expiration of the terms of~~  
16 ~~the three members initially appointed, the Commission shall consist~~  
17 ~~of three (3) members, appointed as follows:~~

- 18       a. ~~one member shall be appointed by the President Pro~~  
19                     ~~Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and shall serve a~~  
20                     ~~term of one (1) year~~,  
21      b. ~~one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the~~  
22                     ~~Oklahoma House of Representatives and shall serve a~~  
23                     ~~term of two (2) years, and~~

1           e. one member shall be appointed by the Governor and  
2           shall serve a term of three (3) years.

3       3. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, members  
4       shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years. Each term shall  
5       begin on July 1 of the respective year and end on June 30 three (3)  
6       years later.

7       3. The current appointee of the Speaker of the House of  
8       Representatives shall serve until June 30, 2025. The current  
9       appointee of the Governor shall serve until June 30, 2026. The  
10      current appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall  
11      serve until June 30, 2027.

12      4. For the purpose of expanding the Commission to seven (7)  
13      members, the following additional members shall be appointed:

14       a. one member shall be appointed by the President Pro  
15       Tempore of the Senate for a term beginning on July 1,  
16       2025, and ending on June 30, 2027,

17       b. two members shall be appointed by the Governor, each  
18       for a term beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on  
19       June 30, 2026, and

20       c. one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
21       House of Representatives for a term beginning on July  
22       1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2028, in addition to  
23       the member the Speaker shall appoint to fill the seat

1                   of the current member whose term expires on June 30,  
2                   2025.

3       5. Thereafter, at the expiration of the term, or termination of  
4     the member's service for any reason, the original appointing  
5     authority shall appoint a successor for a term of three (3) years,  
6     or for the remainder of an unexpired term.

7       D. Members of the Commission shall be knowledgeable of and have  
8     concern for rehabilitation issues and disability issues; provided,  
9     that such requirement shall not exclude participation of lay persons  
10    as Commission members. All members shall be residents of the state  
11    and qualified electors at the time of their appointment. Before  
12    entering upon the duties of their office, members of the Commission  
13    shall take the Constitutional oath of office and the same shall be  
14    filed with the Secretary of State. A member of the Commission may  
15    be reappointed to succeed himself or herself. Commission members  
16    shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance  
17    of their duties as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

18       E. The original appointing authority may remove any  
19     commissioner for misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty, after  
20     giving such commissioner a written statement of charges, and  
21     opportunity for a hearing.

22       SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23     of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, dated  
04/16/2025 - DO PASS.

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