

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 850

By: Jolley and Treat of the  
Senate

4 and

5 Sears and Casey of the  
6 House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to relating to the State Department  
11 of Health; providing that employees of Department be  
12 in classified service and subject to Merit System of  
13 Personnel Administration; providing exceptions;  
14 providing for codification; providing an effective  
15 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840-5.25 of Title 74, unless  
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The State Department of Health shall be under the Merit  
21 System. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this  
22 section or Section 840-5.5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes or  
23 except as otherwise provided by law, all offices, positions, and  
24 personnel shall be classified and subject to the provisions of the  
Merit System of Personnel Administration and rules promulgated

1 pursuant thereto. This section shall supersede and repeal any and  
2 all executive orders issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Personnel Act  
3 to place the agency or its predecessors under the Merit System.

4 B. In addition to offices, positions, and personnel that are  
5 unclassified as specifically provided by law, the State Department  
6 of Health may place in the unclassified service any employee who is  
7 initially employed on or after July 1, 2015, in the following  
8 positions:

- 9 1. State Commissioner of Health;
- 10 2. Assistant State Commissioner of Health;
- 11 3. Senior Deputy Commissioner of Health;
- 12 4. Deputy Commissioner of Health;
- 13 5. Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Health;
- 14 6. Chief Operating Officer;
- 15 7. Service Director;
- 16 8. County Health Department Regional Director;
- 17 9. Assistant Service Director;
- 18 10. Administrative Program Manager;
- 19 11. Executive Assistant;
- 20 12. Executive Secretary;
- 21 13. Paralegal;
- 22 14. Legal Assistant;
- 23 15. Legal Secretary;
- 24 16. Commissioned Peace Officer;

- 1 17. Internal Auditor;
- 2 18. Business Officer;
- 3 19. Operations Manager;
- 4 20. State Epidemiologist; and

5 21. All positions or employees assigned to the Behavioral Risk  
6 Surveillance System for Health Care Information.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

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

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