

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1966

By: Roach

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 40.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 1994 (10 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 40.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act; modifying policy; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 40.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 1994 (10 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 40.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 40.1 The purpose of the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act is the clarification of state policies and procedures regarding the implementation by the State of Oklahoma of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, P.L. 95-608. ~~It~~ In order to preserve and protect the essential tribal relations and Indian people and the unique cultural and social standards in Indian communities and families, it shall be the policy of the state to recognize that Indian tribes and nations have a valid governmental interest in Indian children regardless of whether or not said children are in the physical or legal custody of an Indian parent or Indian custodian at the time

state proceedings are initiated. It shall be the policy of the state to cooperate fully with Indian tribes in Oklahoma in order to ensure that the intent and provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act are enforced.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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