

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1274

By: Matlock

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state-tribal relations; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1221, as amended by Section 73, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1221), which relates to cooperation agreements with federally recognized tribal governments; modifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1221, as amended by Section 73, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1221), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1221. A. The State of Oklahoma acknowledges federal recognition of Indian Tribes recognized by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

B. The State of Oklahoma recognizes the unique status of Indian Tribes within the federal government and shall work in a spirit of cooperation with all federally recognized Indian Tribes in furtherance of federal policy for the benefit of both the State of Oklahoma and Tribal Governments.

C. The Governor, or ~~his~~ a named designee of the Governor, is authorized to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements on

behalf of this state with federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments within this state to address issues of mutual interest. Such agreements shall become effective upon approval by the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations. If such agreements involve trust responsibilities, approval by the Secretary of the Interior or his designee shall be required.

D. The governing board of the political subdivision of this state is authorized to negotiate and enter into intergovernmental cooperative agreements in behalf of the political subdivision, with the federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments within this state to address issues of mutual interest. Such agreements shall be effective upon approval by the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations and the Governor, or his named designee; provided, agreements for juvenile detention facilities made pursuant to Section 1108 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall become effective upon approval by the board of county commissioners.

E. An executed original of every agreement approved pursuant to this section shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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