

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1595

By: Kerr

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1226.4, which relates to powers and duties of the Authority; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1226.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1226.4 The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered:

1. To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and conduct of its business;
2. To adopt an official seal and alter the same at its pleasure;
3. To have its principal office located at a site designated by the Authority;
4. To sue and be sued in contract, reverse condemnation, equity, mandamus and similar actions in its own name, plead and be impleaded; provided, that any and all actions at law or in equity against the Authority shall be brought in Oklahoma County. The Authority shall be subject to the Governmental Tort Claims Act, ~~Section 151 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes;~~
5. To construct, maintain, repair and operate a Native American cultural center, museum and theme park;
6. To construct, maintain, repair and operate any facilities necessary to effectuate educational and training programs relating

to Native American cultures, languages, skills, arts and crafts, to include facilities for the sale of such Native American artwork and crafts;

7. To issue revenue bonds of the Authority, payable solely from revenues, including the revenues accruing to the trust fund created by this act, for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of any one or more projects;

8. To fix and revise from time to time user charges for the use of projects;

9. To acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties, to include the right to acquire such property for prospective projects, including the acquisition of existing facilities, buildings, equipment and improvements;

10. To lease projects, or portions thereof, to other governmental agencies or to private persons, partnerships, corporations, trusts, and other private entities;

11. To acquire in the name of the Authority by purchase or otherwise on such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper, such public or private lands, including public parks, or reservations, or parts thereof or rights therein, rights-of-way, property rights, easements, and interests, as it may deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act;

12. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers, and to employ consulting engineers, attorneys, accountants, construction and financial experts, superintendents, managers, and such other employees and agents as may be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their compensation;

13. To receive and accept from any federal agency grants for or in aid of the construction of any project; and to receive and accept aid or contributions from any source of either money, property,

labor, or other things of value, to be held, used, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made;

14. To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this act; and

15. All meetings of the Authority shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, ~~Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ and all records of the Authority shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, ~~Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, both as the same shall from time to time be amended.~~

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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