

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3252

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to higher education; stating
7 legislative intent that Native American and
8 Indigenous Languages be recognized as a foreign
9 language by higher education institutions;
10 authorizing credit for certain language courses;
11 allowing certain language courses taught in public
12 school to count for higher education admissions and
13 graduation requirements; providing for codification;
14 providing an effective date; and declaring an
15 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 3208.2 of Title 70, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 It is the intent of the State Legislature that Native American
21 and Indigenous Languages be recognized as a foreign language. Any
22 institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may, in
23 accordance with Section 3208 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
24 offer courses in Native American and Indigenous Languages and grant
credit for the courses in the same manner as provided for other
foreign language courses. Course credit earned by a student for

1 Native American and Indigenous Language classes taken in the public
2 schools may be credited by an institution for purposes of meeting
3 admission or graduation requirements or both admission and
4 graduation requirements for the institution.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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

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