

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1581

6 By: Scott

7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Health Care
9 Authority; authorizing certain agreements with
10 federally recognized Native American tribes or
11 tribally owned business entities; authorizing
12 actions; providing for effect of provisions with
13 respect to federal or other law applicable to
14 federally recognized Native American tribes;
15 providing for codification; and declaring an
16 emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5028 of Title 63, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall be authorized to
22 enter into agreements with one or more federally recognized Native
23 American tribes, or with any business entity organized pursuant to
24 the laws of the State of Oklahoma if the business entity is
controlled by a federally recognized Native American tribe and
conducts business in furtherance of an authorized function of a

1 | tribe, to provide health care services to underserved persons, low-
2 | income persons, disabled persons, senior citizens, expectant mothers
3 | or other persons that seek and receive medical attention or
4 | treatment through a federally recognized Native American tribe or a
5 | tribally controlled business entity.

6 | B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may take such actions,
7 | including but not limited to any waivers authorized by federal law,
8 | in order to perform obligations pursuant to agreements entered into
9 | pursuant to subsection A of this section.

10 | C. To the extent required by the provisions of federal law,
11 | tribal law or other provisions of law affecting a federally
12 | recognized Native American tribe, the provisions of this section and
13 | the actions taken by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority authorized
14 | by this section shall be deemed and shall constitute the consent of
15 | the State of Oklahoma to agreements executed by the Oklahoma Health
16 | Care Authority.

17 | SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 | of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
19 | declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 | be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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