

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5   FOR  
6   HOUSE BILL NO. 2921

By: Billy of the House

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

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11           An Act relating to schools; recognizing Native  
12           American languages as a language art; authorizing the  
13           teaching of Native American languages in public  
14           schools; allowing Native American language classes to  
15           count as certain credit; allowing certain qualified  
16           teachers to teach Native American languages;  
17           providing for codification; providing an effective  
18           date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20           SECTION 1.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
21           in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.1a of Title 70, unless  
22           there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23           A Native American language is hereby recognized as a language  
24           art and may be taught in the public schools of the state in  
          educational programs. Native American language classes taught in  
          the public schools may be counted by a public school in fulfilling

1 core curriculum requirements and shall be granted the same credit as  
2 a world language. For the purposes of this section, Native American  
3 languages may be taught in the public schools by:

4 1. Any qualified teacher who holds a valid traditional or  
5 alternative Oklahoma teaching certificate; or

6 2. A teacher who holds a valid certificate in Native American  
7 Languages issued by the State Board of Education and either  
8 qualifies for an Alternative Placement Teaching Certificate or is  
9 supervised by a teacher who is highly qualified in the content area  
10 for the appropriate level of instruction.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/19/2014  
18 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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