

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2921

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8 An Act relating to schools; recognizing Native
9 American languages as a language art; authorizing the
10 teaching of Native American languages in public
11 schools; allowing Native American language classes to
12 count as certain credit; allowing certain qualified
13 teachers to teach Native American languages;
14 providing for codification; providing an effective
15 date; and declaring an 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 11-103.1a of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A Native American language is hereby recognized as a language
21 art and may be taught in the public schools of the state in
22 educational programs. Native American language classes taught in
23 the public schools may be counted by a public school in fulfilling
24 core curriculum requirements and shall be granted the same credit as
a world language. For the purposes of this section, Native American
languages may be taught in the public schools by:

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

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

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

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

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