

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2921

By: Billy, Pittman, Sherrer and
Hoskin of the House

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4 Stanislawski of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to schools; recognizing Native
8 American languages as a language art; authorizing the
9 teaching of Native American languages in public
10 schools; allowing Native American language classes to
11 count as certain credit; allowing certain qualified
12 teachers to teach Native American languages;
13 providing for codification; providing an effective
14 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate