

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2921

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

A Native American language is hereby recognized as a language 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 elective course offerings and shall be granted the same credit as a foreign language. For the purposes of this section, Native American

1 languages may be taught in the public schools by any qualified
2 teacher under the supervision of a certified teacher.

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

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

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