

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 172

By: Rosino, Bergstrom, Weaver,  
Jett, Hicks, Boren and  
Floyd of the Senate

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4 and

Walke, Luttrell and Pae of  
the House

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8 An Act relating to missing and murdered indigenous  
9 persons; creating Ida's Law; directing the Oklahoma  
State Bureau of Investigation to coordinate with the  
10 United States Attorney's Office and Department of  
Justice; directing Bureau to pursue federal funding;  
11 directing Bureau to create Office of Liaison for  
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons; requiring  
12 Office to include a missing persons specialist  
subject to funding; providing requirements of  
13 position; directing Office to work with law  
enforcement agencies; requiring Office to develop  
14 best practices protocol; directing Office to assist  
with use of resources and to provide certain  
15 guidance; requiring Office to coordinate with other  
agencies; directing Office to facilitate trainings;  
16 providing for codification; providing for  
noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
21 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as "Ida's Law".  
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1       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 150.12A-1 of Title 74, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A.   The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall coordinate  
5 with the United States Attorney's Office and the United States  
6 Department of Justice to obtain federal funding by January 1, 2022,  
7 to coordinate efforts and gather data to address the issue of  
8 missing and murdered indigenous persons in the State of Oklahoma.  
9 The Bureau shall seek and apply for any applicable federal grants  
10 and may coordinate with private entities to obtain funding or  
11 fulfill grant requirements.

12       B.   Upon securing federal funding, the Bureau shall create an  
13 Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. Any  
14 individual hired within the Office shall have significant experience  
15 working with tribal communities. Subject to available funding, the  
16 Office shall include a missing persons specialist.

17       C.   The Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous  
18 Persons shall:

19       1.   Work with state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies  
20 on missing persons and homicide cases involving American Indian  
21 individuals;

22       2.   Develop a best practices protocol for law enforcement  
23 response to missing persons reports involving American Indian  
24 individuals;

1       3. Assist families, tribal agencies and nongovernmental  
2 entities in using the National Missing and Unidentified Persons  
3 System (NamUs) and other resources;

4       4. Provide guidance to victims' families with navigating state  
5 and federal district court cases;

6       5. Coordinate with other state offices including, but not  
7 limited to, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, agency tribal  
8 liaisons and the Secretary of Native American Affairs to develop  
9 training and education on missing and murdered indigenous persons  
10 issues and the state-tribal government-to-government relationship;

11       6. Facilitate trainings for law enforcement and members of the  
12 public on issues relating to missing and murdered indigenous  
13 persons; and

14       7. Consult with community organizations that serve indigenous  
15 populations to promote community relations and develop best  
16 practices.

17       SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2021.

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