

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 18, 2021

3 SENATE BILL NO. 172

By: Rosino, Bergstrom, Weaver
and Jett of the Senate

4 and

5 Walke and Luttrell of the
6 House

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

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

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

This act shall be known and may be cited as "Ida's Law".

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.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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