

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 1659

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; requiring
8 legislators to attend racial sensitivity training;
9 providing method for selection of nonprofit entity by
10 the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
11 Oklahoma State Senate; prescribing time limits for
12 training; prescribing requirements for certain
13 nonprofit entity; providing for codification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 491 of Title 74, unless there is
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Each member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
19 Oklahoma State Senate shall attend a racial sensitivity training
20 program to be offered by a nonprofit organization selected for such
21 purpose by mutual agreement of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
22 and the Oklahoma State Senate. The training session shall occur not
23 later than sixty (60) days after the General Election and not later
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1 than thirty (30) days after any Special Election to fill a vacancy
2 in either chamber.

3 B. The training required by subsection A of this section shall
4 be provided by a nonprofit entity, organized either under the laws
5 of another state and having an affiliated entity in the state or
6 organized under the laws of this state, having an exempt status
7 pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
8 amended, the principal purpose of which is to provide social
9 services and support to women and girls, and which entity is able to
10 provide the training without charge to the Oklahoma House of
11 Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate. The entity shall be
12 required to have conducted a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of
13 similar training sessions for other persons or organizations within
14 the three-year period preceding the date as of which the training
15 session is conducted for the chambers of the Legislature.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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