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Bill Analysis

HB 2352 provides that the Director of the Department of Human Services and the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs may enter into agreements on behalf of the state with Indian tribes in Oklahoma regarding care and custody of Indian relating to the care of Indian children. Such agreements may transfer the jurisdiction of over child custody proceedings and may be done on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, the measure clarifies that the State ratifies all agreements in conformity with the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act executed prior to the enactment of the measure and provides that the provisions of the measure shall apply retroactively to any case filed or pending at the time that an agreement vesting concurrent jurisdiction is entered into between the state and an Indian tribe. The measure also removes the requirement for the Administrative Director of the Courts (ADC) to develop a form used to collect data related to the adoption of each child.

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