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Bill Analysis

SB 230 creates "Ida's Law". The measure directs the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to coordinate with the United States Attorney's Office and the United States Department of Justice to obtain federal funding by January 1, 2022, to coordinate efforts and gather data to address the issue of missing and murdered indigenous persons in the State of Oklahoma. The Bureau must apply for any applicable federal grants and may coordinate with private entities to obtain funding or fulfill grant requirements.

After securing federal funding, the Bureau shall create the Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons to work with state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies on missing persons and homicide cases involving American Indian individuals. The Office's duties include developing best practices protocol for law enforcement response, assisting families, tribal agencies, and victims' families in navigating state and federal district court cases. The Office shall also coordinate with other state offices to develop training and education on missing and murdered indigenous persons issues and facilitate training for law enforcement and the public on issues relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons.

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