

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 4129

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school curriculum; directing the
8 State Department of Education in certain consultation
9 to develop curriculum related to Native American
10 history and culture for students in certain grades;
11 requiring Native American history and culture be
12 taught in public schools beginning in certain school
13 year; allowing curriculum on Native American history
14 and culture to be integrated in courses; directing
15 the State Department of Education to develop certain
16 professional learning opportunities; providing for
17 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6q of Title 70, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. The State Department of Education, in consultation with
federally recognized tribes and experts in Native American history
and culture, shall develop and make available to public schools
curriculum related to Native American history and culture for grade-
appropriate instruction of students in grades one through twelve.

1 B. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, Native American
2 history and culture shall be taught to all students in grades one
3 through twelve in public schools in this state, as prescribed in the
4 Oklahoma Academic Standards. Native American history and culture
5 may be integrated into one or more existing courses of study and
6 shall be taught in a manner that:

- 7 1. Generates an understanding of the experiences and
8 contributions of Native Americans to American history and culture;
- 9 2. Develops dialogue with students on the ramifications of
10 bullying, bigotry, stereotyping, and discrimination; and
- 11 3. Encourages tolerance of diversity and reverence for human
12 dignity for all citizens in a pluralistic society.

13 C. The State Department of Education, in consultation with
14 experts in Native American history and culture, shall develop and
15 implement high quality professional learning opportunities for
16 teachers covering Native American history and culture.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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