

1 1. Make recommendations to the State Board of Education and the
2 Superintendent of Public Instruction in educational matters
3 affecting the education of Native American students;

4 2. Promote educational opportunities and improvement of the
5 quality of education provided to Native American students throughout
6 the state;

7 3. Advocate for Native American students in the state; and

8 4. Monitor and evaluate how the public education system of the
9 state impacts Native American students.

10 C. The Council shall be composed of eighteen (18) members as
11 follows:

12 1. Five members who shall each represent an Indian tribe in the
13 state, of which at least one shall represent an Indian tribe which
14 has an enrollment of less than ten thousand (10,000) members who
15 reside in the state, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives from a list of nominations submitted by the elected
17 executive leaders of different Indian tribes in the state;

18 2. Four members who shall each represent the tribal education
19 departments of an Indian tribe in the state, appointed by the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Senate from a list of nominations
21 submitted by the elected executive leaders of different Indian
22 tribes in the state;

23 3. One member who shall represent the Oklahoma Council for
24 Indian Education, appointed by the Governor;

1 4. Two members who shall represent two different statewide
2 organizations representing public school teachers, appointed by the
3 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

4 5. One member who shall represent a statewide organization
5 representing public school superintendents, appointed by the Speaker
6 of the House of Representatives;

7 6. One member who shall represent Oklahoma tribal colleges,
8 appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education;

9 7. The Director of the Native American Cultural and Educational
10 Authority, or designee;

11 8. The Chancellor of Higher Education, or designee;

12 9. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
13 Technology Education, or designee; and

14 10. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee.

15 D. Appointments to the Council shall be made by September 1,
16 2023. The first meeting of the Council shall be called by the
17 Superintendent of Public Instruction. At the first meeting, the
18 members of the Council shall elect a chair and vice chair from among
19 the members. Meetings of the Council shall be held at least
20 quarterly at the call of the chair. Members shall serve at the
21 pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority of the members
22 of the Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but
23 no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to
24 exercise all of the powers of the Council. A vacancy on the Council

1 shall be filled by the original appointing authority. A vacancy on
2 the Council in a seat representing an Indian tribe in the state or
3 the tribal education department of an Indian tribe in the state may
4 be filled by the original appointing authority from a list of
5 nominations submitted by the elected executive leaders of Indian
6 tribes in the state. Appointments to fill any vacancy on the
7 Council shall be made within three (3) months following the vacancy.
8 The State Department of Education, Oklahoma Department of Career and
9 Technology Education, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
10 Education shall provide staff, support, and information as requested
11 by the Council.

12 E. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for
13 serving on the Council but shall receive travel reimbursement as
14 follows:

15 1. State employees who are members of the Council shall be
16 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
17 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
18 Travel Reimbursement Act; and

19 2. All other members of the Council shall be reimbursed by the
20 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for travel expenses
21 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the
22 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

23 F. The Council shall act in accordance with the provisions of
24 the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

1 G. Members who serve on the Council shall be exempt from the
2 dual-office-holding prohibitions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

4 H. The Council shall have the following duties:

5 1. Identify strategies for developing an efficient and reliable
6 process of communications between Oklahoma education entities,
7 educators, tribal organizations, and other interested parties;

8 2. Identify and disseminate research-based, measurable
9 criteria, both behavioral and academic, by which the success and
10 efficacy of the education offered to Native American students in
11 Oklahoma may be measured;

12 3. Analyze data to ensure that education agencies in Oklahoma
13 continue to address the education needs of Native American students;

14 4. Encourage and promote Native American educational leadership
15 at all levels of the education system; and

16 5. Make recommendations to the State Board of Education for
17 programs that will help achieve the purposes of the Oklahoma
18 Advisory Council on Indian Education Act.

19 I. The Council shall evaluate and make an annual report on the
20 effectiveness of the public education system in Oklahoma in meeting
21 the needs of Native American students in Oklahoma. The report shall
22 be submitted to the State Board of Education. The report shall also
23 contain a summary of the findings made by the Council pursuant to
24 subsection H of this section, a summary of all data collected by the

1 Council, a summary of the means by which all data was collected by
2 the Council, and any other information deemed necessary by the
3 Council.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

5 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated
11 02/25/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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