

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 2733

                                  By: Pittman

7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   An Act relating to missing and murdered indigenous  
9                   persons; creating Ida's Law; directing the Oklahoma  
10                  State Bureau of Investigation to coordinate with the  
11                  United States Attorney's Office and Department of  
12                  Justice; directing Bureau to pursue federal funding;  
13                  directing Bureau to create Office of Liaison for  
14                  Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons; requiring  
15                  Office to include a missing persons specialist  
16                  subject to funding; providing requirements of  
17                  position; directing Office to work with law  
18                  enforcement agencies; requiring Office to develop  
19                  best practices protocol; directing Office to assist  
20                  with use of resources and to provide certain  
21                  guidance; requiring Office to coordinate with other  
22                  agencies; directing Office to facilitate trainings;  
23                  providing for noncodification; providing for  
24                  codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1.           NEW LAW           A new section of law not to be  
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as "Ida's Law".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 150.12A-1 of Title 74, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall coordinate  
5 with the United States Attorney's Office and the United States  
6 Department of Justice to obtain federal funding by January 1, 2023,  
7 to coordinate efforts and gather data to address the issue of  
8 missing and murdered indigenous persons in the State of Oklahoma.  
9 The Bureau shall seek and apply for any applicable federal grants  
10 and may coordinate with private entities to obtain funding or  
11 fulfill grant requirements.

12 B. Upon securing federal funding, the Bureau shall create an  
13 Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. Any  
14 individual hired within the Office shall have significant experience  
15 working with tribal communities. Subject to available funding, the  
16 Office shall include a missing persons specialist.

17 C. The Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous  
18 Persons shall:

19 1. Work with state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies  
20 on missing persons and homicide cases involving American Indian  
21 individuals;

22 2. Develop a best practices protocol for law enforcement  
23 response to missing persons reports involving American Indian  
24 individuals;

1           3. Assist families, tribal agencies and nongovernmental  
2 entities in using the National Missing and Unidentified Persons  
3 System (NamUs) and other resources;

4           4. Provide guidance to victims' families with navigating state  
5 and federal district court cases;

6           5. Coordinate with other state offices including, but not  
7 limited to, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, agency tribal  
8 liaisons and the Secretary of Native American Affairs to develop  
9 training and education on missing and murdered indigenous persons  
10 issues and the state-tribal government-to-government relationship;

11           6. Facilitate trainings for law enforcement and members of the  
12 public on issues relating to missing and murdered indigenous  
13 persons; and

14           7. Consult with community organizations that serve indigenous  
15 populations to promote community relations and develop best  
16 practices.

17           SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS,  
20 dated 02/25/2021 - DO PASS.

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