

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

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

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

7 A. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall coordinate
8 with the United States Attorney's Office and the United States
9 Department of Justice to obtain federal funding by January 1, 2022,
10 to coordinate efforts and gather data to address the issue of
11 missing and murdered indigenous persons in the State of Oklahoma.
12 The Bureau shall seek and apply for any applicable federal grants
13 and may coordinate with private entities to obtain funding or
14 fulfill grant requirements.

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

20 C. The Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous
21 Persons shall:

22 1. Work with state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies
23 on missing persons and homicide cases involving American Indian
24 individuals;

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

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

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

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

14 6. Facilitate trainings for law enforcement and members of the
15 public on issues relating to missing and murdered indigenous
16 persons; and

17 7. Consult with community organizations that serve indigenous
18 populations to promote community relations and develop best
19 practices.

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

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 03/30/2021 -
23 DO PASS, As Coauthored.