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3 HOUSE BILL 2115

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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; providing an effective date; and  
18 declaring an emergency.

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1 B. Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, Native American  
2 history and culture shall be taught to students in grades six  
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 July 1, 2023.

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

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