

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1137

By: Stewart of the House

5 and

6 **Weaver** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
11 2021, Section 150.12A-1, which relates to the Office
12 of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons; deleting
13 federal funding and grant requirements; and providing
14 an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 150.12A-1,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 150.12A-1. A. The Oklahoma State Bureau of
19 Investigation shall coordinate with the United States Attorney's
20 Office and the United States Department of Justice to ~~obtain federal~~
21 ~~funding by January 1, 2022, to~~ coordinate efforts and gather data to
22 address the issue of missing and murdered indigenous persons in the
23 State of Oklahoma. ~~The Bureau shall seek and apply for any~~

1 ~~applicable federal grants and may coordinate with private entities~~
2 ~~to obtain funding or fulfill grant requirements.~~

3 B. ~~Upon securing federal funding, the~~ The Bureau shall create
4 an Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons.
5 Any individual hired within the Office shall have significant
6 experience working with tribal communities. Subject to available
7 funding, the Office shall include a missing persons specialist.

8 C. The Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous
9 Persons shall:

10 1. Work with state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies
11 on missing persons and homicide cases involving American Indian
12 individuals;

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

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

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

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

3 6. Facilitate trainings for law enforcement and members of the
4 public on issues relating to missing and murdered indigenous
5 persons; and

6 7. Consult with community organizations that serve indigenous
7 populations to promote community relations and develop best
8 practices.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
12 03/06/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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