

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BE CONSOLIDATED INTO THE CHOCTAW NATION'S 477 PLAN PURSUANT TO THE INDIAN EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES DEMONSTRATION ACT OF 1992 AND AS AMENDED BY THE INDIAN EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 2017**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

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**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO AUTHORIZE** the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to propose the Child Care Assistance Program be integrated into the Choctaw Nation's 477 plan pursuant to the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 and amended by the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017.

**WHEREAS**, in 1992 Congress enacted the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 (the "Act"). Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 3401-3417;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Act was to demonstrate how American Indian Tribal governments could integrate the employment, training, and services-provided to improve effectiveness, reduce joblessness within Indian Communities, and serve tribal goals;

**WHEREAS**, the Act established a program that allows the Nation to combine formula-funded, employment and training-related grant programs into a single plan (477 Plan), with a single budget and reporting system to improve effectiveness of the services and reduce administrative, reporting, and accounting costs of the Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Act, and as amended by Public Law 115-93 (the "Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017") allows certain programs from: Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Education (ED), Department of Interior (DOI), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT), and Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), be included in the Nation's 477 plan;

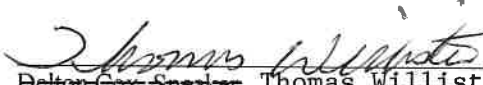
**WHEREAS**, the Act requires that a 477 Plan identify the programs to be integrated, identify the agencies of the Nation's government to be involved in the services under the 477 Plan, and that the plans be approved by the governing body of the Nation. 25 U.S.C. §§ 3405(1)-(7); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to authorize the Child Care Assistance Program be consolidated into the Nation's 477 Plan to improve the effectiveness of the services and reduce administrative, reporting, and accounting cost of the Nation.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma this Bill be cited as authorization to propose the Child Care Assistance Program be integrated into the Choctaw Nation's 477 plan pursuant to the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 and as amended by the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on September 14, 2019. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 151 -19 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

  
Delton Cox, Speaker ~~Thomas Williston, Speaker~~  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
Gary Batten, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 9/18/2019

**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** This bill authorizes the Nation to consolidate the Child Care Assistance programs into single, comprehensive programs to reduce administrative costs and administrative functions, pursuant to the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 and as amended by the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2017. The Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 allows for Tribal governments to consolidate certain programs funded by: Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Education (ED), Department of Interior (DOI), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT), and Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). The purpose of this Act was to help Tribes improve the effectiveness of employment, training and related services to help improve Tribal services and also reduce joblessness in Indian Country. The purpose was also to consolidate these programs into a single plan (477 Plan), to help reduce administrative functions such as reporting and administrative costs.

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**Agency:** Child Care Assistance Program, Division of Tribal Member Services

**Budget:** N/A

**Match Required:** N/A

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Sonya Diggs, Project Director; Teresa Jackson, SEO