

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 31: Heritage and Culture

Chapter 6: The Durbin Feeling Cherokee Language Preservation Act—2024 Permanent Reauthorization

§ 607. Report on Language Education Self-Governance; Authorization to Withdraw Language Immersion School from State of Oklahoma Charter

Cite as: 31 CNCA § 607

A. The Council supports the exercise of self-governance in the area of Cherokee Language education and, on that basis, directs and authorizes as follows:

1. The Principal Chief, by his or her designee, shall submit to the Council a report on the subject of self-governance opportunities in Cherokee language education, including but not limited to identifying opportunities to self-certify Cherokee language curriculum, instructors and such other professional staff as is necessary to operate language education programs free from restrictions or mandates from other governments, with said report due to the Council by June 1, 2024.

2. The Principal Chief is authorized, at any time on or after June 1, 2024, to withdraw or terminate the charter granted by the State of Oklahoma for the operation of the Cherokee Language Immersion school under the Oklahoma Charter School law, notwithstanding any previous authorization of such charter, including the authority granted under R-52-11 or R-59-16, and without any further action by the Council of the Cherokee Nation, if the Principal Chief deems it to be within the best interest of the Cherokee Nation to terminate or amend said Charter and provided the Principal Chief provides the Council written notice of this decision no less than 30 days prior to terminating the charter.

Historical Data

LA 04-24, eff. January 22, 2024.