

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 31: Heritage and Culture

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

§ 610. Biennial Report on the State of Cherokee Language; Report on Immersion Education

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A. Biennial Report on the State of Cherokee Language: The Principal Chief, through his or her designee, shall prepare a biennial report to the Council, with an initial report to be submitted between October 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, setting forth, at a minimum:

1. A basic strategic plan for Cherokee language revitalization;
2. Progress towards language revitalization, including basic statistics relating to language revitalization;
3. Observations and data as to the efficacy of various Language Department programs and identifying opportunities and obstacles towards further revitalization;
4. Progress, unless and until completed, on various capital improvements authorized by this Act, including but not limited to development of the Cherokee Nation Language Department Kenwood Campus;
5. Review of existing federal funding sources, identify new grants since previous report, identifying potential future federal funding sources;
6. Statistics as to services provided by the Speaker Services program;
7. Recommendations as to operation and capital budget adjustments.

B. Immersion School Addendum to First Biennial Report: The initial Biennial Report on the State of the Cherokee Language, pursuant to § 610A of this Act, shall include as an addendum a “Report on the Effectiveness of Cherokee Nation Language Immersion Education: 2011 to 2023,” co-authored by the Executive Directors of Language and the Executive Director of Education, utilizing available data and data obtained through surveys commission unique to this report, examining:

1. Effectiveness of Cherokee Nation immersion in Cherokee language learning;
2. Academic, Cherokee language retention and career success of immersion students;
3. Recommendations for program changes or enhancements to increase the efficacy of immersion education programs.

C. Extension of Time: A deadline extension for the inaugural reports required under this section of the Act, not to exceed March 1, 2025, will be granted by the Speaker of the Council upon written request of the Principal Chief.

D. Public Disclosure: All reports described in this section of the Act shall be made available for public review, including but not limited to, on Cherokee Nation's official website.

Historical Data

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