

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 70: Schools and Education

Chapter 8: Verna D. Thompson Early Childhood Education Act

§ 802. Early Childhood Education Analysis

Cite as: 70 CNCA § 802

A. Commencing with Fiscal Year 2022 the Principal Chief, through his designee, shall analyze the availability of early childhood education and other childcare services across the reservation and issue a report to the Speaker of the Council no later than September 30, 2022, said report to be reviewed and revised on a biennial basis thereafter by December 31 following the close of the fiscal years under review. Said biennial report shall include:

- a. An estimate of the number of Cherokee citizens eligible for early childhood education, the estimated number receiving such education and the sources of said education.
- b. Statistics with respect to staffing of Cherokee Nation early childhood education programs, including but not limited to Head Start and Child Development Centers.
- c. Information relating to any major facility infrastructure deficiencies in early childhood education programs, including Head Start and Child Development Centers.
- d. Progress on repair or replacement of facilities under this Act.
- e. Recommendations as to the expansion of Cherokee Nation early childhood education programs, or other support for early childhood education programs for Cherokee citizens, to make such programs as widely available across the reservation.
- f. Within the recommendations set forth in Section 3(A)(e), specific recommendations for the provision of or support of early childhood education to the workforce of Cherokee Nation and its entities.
- g. Determinations, if any, as to any executive branch reorganizations necessary to meet the purposes and policies of this Act.
- h. Said Biennial Report may be preceded by such interim reports as the Principal Chief shall direct on any the subjects set forth in this subsection, such interim reports to be included in said biennial report.

Historical Data

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