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An Act

Legislative Act 16-13

ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CHEROKEE NATION HEAD START PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION:

Section 1. Title and Codification

Example: This act shall be known as the 2013 Cherokee Nation Head Start Funding Act and codified as Title ______ of the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this act is to assure that sufficient funding from the Tribe's General Fund shall continue the Head Start Program, which is the #1 Tribal Head Start program in the country, showing Cherokee Nation's investment in the Tribe's future through their commitment to its children and to enable the Head Start program to recruit and retain qualified staff.

Section 3. Substantive Provisions

- A. In order to assure permanent and sufficient funding to the Cherokee Nation Head Start program, the Tribe shall annually fund the remaining needs of the program to provide at least a twelve and one half percent (12.5%) cash match of the funding provided by the Federal Government to keep the program in operation and to keep the level of pay for program personnel at a competitive rate in the local market.
- B. That this funding shall be funded through the Cherokee Nation General Fund subject to the constitutional requirement of availability of funding.

Section 4. Provisions as cumulative

The provisions of this act shall be cumulative to existing law.

Section 5. Severability

The provisions of this act are severable and if any part of provision hereof shall be held void the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of this act.

Section 6. Effective Date

The provisions of this act shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Enacted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on the 15th day of July, 2013.

Tina Glory Jordan, Speaker Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Jodie Fishinghawk, Secretary Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 18th day of _______, 2013.

Bill John Baker, Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

S. Joe Crittenden, Deputy Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

YEAS AND NAYS AS RECORDED:

Tina Glory-Jordan	<u>Yea</u>	Meredith A. Frailey	Yea
David Walkingstick	Yea	Dick Lay	Yea
Joe Byrd	Yea	Cara Cowan Watts	Yea
Jodie Fishinghawk	Absent	Buel Anglen	Yea
Janelle Lattimore Fullbright	Yea	Frankie Hargis	Yea
David W. Thornton, Sr.	Yea	Charles Hoskin, Jr.	Yea
Don Garvin	Yea	Julia Coates	Yea
Lee Keener	Yea	Jack D. Baker	Yea
Curtis G. Snell	Yea		