

# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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# **Legislation Text**

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# AN 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 ten twelve and one half percent (1012.5%) 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.