



2025-2026 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9J.10: Inclusion of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Child Advocacy Centers

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 9J.10

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Section 9J.10 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) makes the following changes to the statutes governing Child Advocacy Centers:

- Amends the definition of "Department" to include the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Department of Public Health and Human Services.
- Expands the definition of "Multidisciplinary team" to include a tribal prosecutor for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
- Adds a tribal prosecutor for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to the list of individuals to which disclosure of information and records is allowed.

This section became effective July 7, 2026.

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