

TENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
June 14, 2025
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RESOLUTION: A Bill to Adopt the Sex Offender Disclosure Act.

RESOLUTION NO: 10L-RS-2025-06-002

DATE INTRODUCED: May 5, 2025

SPONSOR: Thomas Trout, C-3 District

CO-SPONSOR: Bruce Whiteman, Jr., C-1 District

SUBJECT: A Bill to Adopt the Sex Offender Disclosure Act.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 4, 2006, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior;

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that the Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature;

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes;

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes do not currently possess a Sex Offender Disclosure Act; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes' members would benefit from such act, which would establish a clear and defined process for identifying and preventing convicted sex offenders who have the propensity to reoffend from attending specific tribal functions or events, especially where vulnerable tribal members are present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes find it necessary to provide a clear and defined process for identifying and preventing convicted sex offenders who have the propensity to reoffend from attending specific tribal functions or events and, thereby, supports the adoption of the Sex Offender Disclosure Act attached hereto.



Kendricks Sleeper
Speaker of the Tenth Legislature
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes




ATTEST:

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 10L-RS-2025-06-002 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Tenth Legislature Regular Session, by a roll call vote on the 14th day of June 2025, by a vote.

VOTE RECORD:

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Diane Willis	✓			
A2	Kendricks Sleeper	✓			
A3	Travis Ruiz				✓
A4	Rector Candy	✓			
C1	Bruce Whiteman, Jr.	✓			
C2	George Woods	✓			
C3	Thomas Trout				✓
C4	Byron Byrd	✓			
TOTAL		6			2
Passes (X) Fails () Tabled () Allowed to Die () No Action ()					


Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk
Tenth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



ATTEST:


Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto. All laws shall take effect thirty days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature unless any Member of the Tribes submits to the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council a petition signed by at least one hundred fifty Members of the Tribal Council seeking to repeal the law or resolution at the next Tribal Council meeting. If the Tribal Council fails to repeal such law or resolution at the next Tribal Council where the matter has been properly placed on the agenda for the Tribal Council meeting, such law or resolution shall become effective immediately."

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 4, subsection (g) of the Tribes Constitution reads: "The Governor shall have the power to sign any enactment passed by the Legislature into law or to veto any enactment passed by the Legislature within ten days of passage with a written explanation of any objections; and if the Governor takes no action within ten days, then the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution."

{ ☒ APPROVED

{ ☐ VETOED: Attachment ____; Governor's written explanation of any objections.

On the 14th day of June, 2025.



Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:

From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management

ATTEST:

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(v), of the Tribes Constitution reads, "The Office of Records Management shall compile all Laws and Resolutions into a comprehensive Code in an orderly manner that shall be published annually."

Office of Records Management Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 10L-RS-2025-06-002.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 6/16/2025

Office of Records Management

Department of Administration, Executive Branch

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**SEX OFFENDER DISCLOSURE ACT FOR THE CHEYENNE AND
ARAPAHO TRIBES
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBAL CODE (CAC)
TITLE 12 – CRIMINAL CODE
SECTION 12.600 – SEX OFFENDER DISCLOSURE ACT**

ENACTED BY LEGISLATURE:

CITE AS: 12 CAC § 12.600

SUBJECT

This Act shall create a Sex Offender Disclosure Act for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Act is to ensure the safety and general welfare of all tribal members by establishing a process to determine the probability of specific convicted sex offenders committing similar transgressions against tribal members at identified tribal functions or events.

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CHAPTER 1. AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

§ 12.601 Authority

- (a) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 4, 2006, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and
- (b) Article VI, Section 5, subsection (a) of the Constitution grants that the Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature; and
- (c) Article VI, Section 5, subsection (a) of the Constitution further grants the Legislature the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and
- (d) Article VI, Section 5, subsection (a) of the Constitution further grants that all actions by the Legislature shall be embodied in a written law or resolution; and
- (e) Article VI, Section 5, subsection (a) of the Constitution further grants that laws and resolutions which have been enacted shall remain valid until amended or repealed.

§ 12.602 Definitions

For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) “Imminent danger” refers to a situation posing an immediate threat of death or serious physical harm, requiring immediate action to eliminate or mitigate the danger.
- (b) “Individual’s rights” are freedoms or entitlements guaranteed to all citizens under the Federal and Tribal constitutions.
- (c) “Propensity” is an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.
- (d) “Sex offender” is a person who commits a crime involving a sexual act.

- (e) “Sex offender registration requirement” is the requirement for certain individuals convicted of specific sex offenses to register with authorities as mandated by state or tribal law.
- (f) “SORNA” refers to the Tribes’ sex offender and registration act.

CHAPTER 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 12.603 Disclosure Requirements

- A. Any individual registered or required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction within the United States or in any of its territories, shall promptly disclose all of the following to the Tribes’ SORNA office prior to attending any event hosted by the Tribes or any public event which occurs within the Tribes’ jurisdiction:
 - 1. The individual’s sex offender status;
 - 2. The criminal conviction leading to the sex offender registration requirement;
 - 3. The specific event the individual is requesting to attend; and
 - 4. The individual’s purpose of attending said event.
- B. The individual shall disclose all aforementioned information to the Tribes’ SORNA office a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the commencement of any event they are requesting to attend.

§ 12.604 Attendance Restriction Analysis

- A. The Tribes’ Department of Justice, SORNA Office, and the Executive Director of the Department of Administration shall decide by a majority vote whether the inquiring individual’s attendance should be restricted. The Department of Justice, SORNA Office, and Executive Director of the Department of Administration shall each carry a single vote.
- B. In determining whether the inquiring individual’s attendance should be restricted, the following shall be considered:
 - 1. Whether the restriction would infringe upon the individual’s rights;
 - 2. Whether the event in question is being held for a vulnerable group, such as minors;
 - 3. The severity of the crime committed;
 - 4. The propensity of the individual to reoffend;
 - 5. Whether the restriction could be considered a reasonable means to protect the participants of the event from imminent danger; and
 - 6. The opinion of the event’s coordinators on whether a restriction should be implemented.

§ 12.605 Failure to Disclose

An individual's failure to disclose their sex offender status to the Tribes' SORNA Office shall constitute a criminal felony punishable up to a year (1) in prison, a \$5,000 fine, or both.

§ 12.606 Events Held within the State's Jurisdiction

This act shall not interfere with any state statutes pertaining to sex offenders or sex offender registration.