

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## CHANGE OF NAME

“Secretary of Health and Human Services” and “Department of Health and Human Services” substituted for “Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare” and “Department of Health, Education, and Welfare”, respectively, in subsec. (a) pursuant to section 509(b) of Pub. L. 96-88, which is classified to section 3508(b) of Title 20, Education.

**§ 1934. “Indian” defined for certain purposes**

For the purposes of sections 1932 and 1933 of this title, the term “Indian” shall include persons defined in section 1603(c)<sup>1</sup> of this title.

(Pub. L. 95-608, title II, §204, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3077.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1603(c) of this title, referred to in text, was redesignated section 1603(13) of this title by Pub. L. 111-148, title X, §10221(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 935.

## SUBCHAPTER III—RECORDKEEPING, INFORMATION AVAILABILITY, AND TIME-TABLES

**§ 1951. Information availability to and disclosure by Secretary****(a) Copy of final decree or order; other information; anonymity affidavit; exemption from Freedom of Information Act**

Any State court entering a final decree or order in any Indian child adoptive placement after November 8, 1978, shall provide the Secretary with a copy of such decree or order together with such other information as may be necessary to show—

- (1) the name and tribal affiliation of the child;
- (2) the names and addresses of the biological parents;
- (3) the names and addresses of the adoptive parents; and
- (4) the identity of any agency having files or information relating to such adoptive placement.

Where the court records contain an affidavit of the biological parent or parents that their identity remain confidential, the court shall include such affidavit with the other information. The Secretary shall insure that the confidentiality of such information is maintained and such information shall not be subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), as amended.

**(b) Disclosure of information for enrollment of Indian child in tribe or for determination of member rights or benefits; certification of entitlement to enrollment**

Upon the request of the adopted Indian child over the age of eighteen, the adoptive or foster parents of an Indian child, or an Indian tribe, the Secretary shall disclose such information as may be necessary for the enrollment of an Indian child in the tribe in which the child may be eligible for enrollment or for determining any

rights or benefits associated with that membership. Where the documents relating to such child contain an affidavit from the biological parent or parents requesting anonymity, the Secretary shall certify to the Indian child's tribe, where the information warrants, that the child's parentage and other circumstances of birth entitle the child to enrollment under the criteria established by such tribe.

(Pub. L. 95-608, title III, §301, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3077.)

**§ 1952. Rules and regulations**

Within one hundred and eighty days after November 8, 1978, the Secretary shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95-608, title III, §302, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3077.)

## SUBCHAPTER IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**§ 1961. Locally convenient day schools****(a) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that the absence of locally convenient day schools may contribute to the breakup of Indian families.

**(b) Report to Congress; contents, etc.**

The Secretary is authorized and directed to prepare, in consultation with appropriate agencies in the Department of Health and Human Services, a report on the feasibility of providing Indian children with schools located near their homes, and to submit such report to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs of the United States Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives within two years from November 8, 1978. In developing this report the Secretary shall give particular consideration to the provision of educational facilities for children in the elementary grades.

(Pub. L. 95-608, title IV, §401, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3078; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695.)

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Select Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate redesignated Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate by section 25 of Senate Resolution No. 71, Feb. 25, 1993, One Hundred Third Congress.

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives on Jan. 5, 1993, by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Third Congress.

**§ 1962. Copies to the States**

Within sixty days after November 8, 1978, the Secretary shall send to the Governor, chief justice of the highest court of appeal, and the at-

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.