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SENATE BILL 1142

Short Title: Designate Comm. of Indian Affairs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN
3 AFFAIRS AS THE DESIGNATED AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT OR OVERSEE
4 CERTAIN PROGRAMS BENEFITING THE STATE'S INDIAN POPULATION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 143B-406 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 143B-406. North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs – duties; use of**
8 **funds.**

9 (a) It shall be the duty of the Commission to study, consider, accumulate, compile,
10 assemble and disseminate information on any aspect of Indian affairs; to investigate relief
11 needs of Indians of North Carolina and to provide technical assistance in the preparation
12 of plans for the alleviation of such needs; to confer with appropriate officials of local,
13 State and federal governments and agencies of these governments, and with such
14 congressional committees that may be concerned with Indian affairs to encourage and
15 implement coordination of applicable resources to meet the needs of Indians in North
16 Carolina; to cooperate with and secure the assistance of the local, State and federal
17 governments or any agencies thereof in formulating any such programs, and to coordinate
18 such programs with any programs regarding Indian affairs adopted or planned by the
19 federal government to the end that the State Commission of Indian Affairs secure the full
20 benefit of such programs; to review all proposed or pending State legislation and

1 amendments to existing State legislation affecting Indians in North Carolina; to conduct
2 public hearings on matters relating to Indian affairs and to subpoena any information or
3 documents deemed necessary by the Commission; to study the existing status of
4 recognition of all Indian groups, tribes and communities presently existing in the State of
5 North Carolina; to establish appropriate procedures to provide for legal recognition by the
6 State of presently unrecognized groups; to provide for official State recognition by the
7 Commission of such groups; and to initiate procedures for their recognition by the federal
8 government.

9 (b) The Commission is the designated agency for the implementation,
10 administration, or oversight of certain State and federal programs. State agencies or
11 departments charged with the implementation, administration, or oversight of State or
12 federal programs that benefit the Indian population in North Carolina as part of a larger
13 class shall consult with the Commission on all matters related to those programs that
14 affect the Indian population."

15 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.