

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2563

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state-tribal relations; amending
8 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1207, which relates to the
9 Oklahoma Native American Liaison; modifying certain
eligibility requirement; and declaring an effective
date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1207, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1207. A. The State of Oklahoma recognizes the status
17 of the federally recognized tribal governments residing in the
18 geographical boundaries of the state as sovereign nations and the
19 state recognizes the need for further cooperation between the state
20 and the tribes and their citizens and the importance of the
21 government-to-government relationship between the state and the
22 tribes.

23 B. There is hereby created the position of Oklahoma Native
24 American Liaison who shall be appointed by the Governor. The

1 Oklahoma Native American Liaison may also serve as the Secretary of
2 Native American Affairs or a successor cabinet position and shall
3 have jurisdictional areas of responsibility related to Native
4 American issues and state and tribal relations. The first Oklahoma
5 Native American Liaison shall be appointed no later than December 1,
6 2011.

7 C. Any person appointed to the position of Oklahoma Native
8 American Liaison shall be ~~an American Indian of at least one-fourth~~
9 ~~(1/4) blood~~ a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe and
10 shall have valid proof of membership.

11 ~~D.~~ The salary and any other expenses for the Oklahoma Native
12 American Liaison shall be budgeted as a separate line item through
13 the Governor. The Governor shall provide adequate office space,
14 equipment and support necessary to enable the Oklahoma Native
15 American Liaison to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the
16 position.

17 ~~E.~~ D. The Oklahoma Native American Liaison shall:

18 1. Have the powers and duties over Native American issues and
19 state and tribal relation areas designated to the position by the
20 Governor;

21 2. Be the designee of the Governor to negotiate cooperative
22 agreements on behalf of the state with federally recognized Indian
23 Tribal Governments within this state as set forth in Section 1221 of
24 ~~Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title;

1 3. Monitor all compacts, including gaming, tobacco, and motor
2 vehicle fuel compacts, entered into by the state and political
3 subdivisions with federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments
4 within this state;

5 4. Coordinate with the Office of Tribal Relations within the
6 Oklahoma Historical Society on the gathering, preserving and
7 maintaining of all compacts and agreements between Indian Tribal
8 Governments and the state and political subdivisions and all related
9 records, documents and materials;

10 5. Oversee state agency consultation policies with tribal
11 governments;

12 6. Monitor the interactions of state agencies with tribal
13 governments;

14 7. Ensure coordination, consultation and cooperation between
15 tribes and state agencies for any activities of the state agency
16 that will directly affect tribal governments or their property;

17 8. Advise tribes about ongoing or proposed state programs that
18 will affect tribal governments or their property;

19 9. Cooperate with tribal governments to determine priorities of
20 interest for possible cooperation between the various agencies and
21 the tribal governments;

22 10. Advise tribes on funding opportunities through partnerships
23 with state agencies to address locally determined priorities of
24 interest agreed to by both the state and tribal governments;

1 11. Ensure continuing outreach to tribes and shall establish and
2 maintain relationships with tribes and tribal organizations; and

3 12. Make an annual report on the interaction between the state
4 and state agencies and tribal governments and shall submit the
5 report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
6 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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