



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 4778

Offered by:

SEN. PENN, 23rd Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 460

File No. 113

Cal. No. 149

**"An Act Concerning Changes To Statutes Affecting The  
Department Of Public Safety."**

1 After line 96, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. (NEW) The Governor may establish, within the Governor's  
3 office, an Office of State-Tribal Relations. The office shall be staffed by  
4 a person or persons with expertise in Indian law and shall assist the  
5 Governor in a research and advisory capacity with respect to laws and  
6 regulations concerning federally-recognized Indian tribes and the  
7 social, economic and legal relationship between the state and the  
8 federally-recognized Indian tribes in the state.

9 Sec. 6. (NEW) An advisory committee to the Office of State-Tribal  
10 Relations shall be established to inform the office of critical issues  
11 affecting state-tribal relations. The advisory committee shall be  
12 composed of the following members: One representative from the  
13 Governor's office; one representative from each of Connecticut's  
14 federally-recognized tribes; the president pro tempore of the Senate, or  
15 a designee; the minority leader of the Senate or a designee; the speaker  
16 of the House of Representatives, or a designee; the minority leader of

17 the House of Representatives, or a designee; the chairpersons and  
18 ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General  
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and  
20 government administration, or their designees, the Secretary of the  
21 Office of Policy and Management, or a designee, the Commissioner of  
22 Environmental Protection, or a designee, and the Commissioner of  
23 Public Safety, or a designee.

24 Sec. 7. (NEW) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management  
25 shall employ such professional and research staff with expertise in  
26 Indian law as deemed necessary to assist the General Assembly in a  
27 research and advisory capacity with respect to laws and regulations  
28 concerning federally-recognized Indian tribes and the social, economic  
29 and legal relationship between the state and federally-recognized  
30 Indian tribes in the state. The Office of Legislative Research shall  
31 report to the General Assembly every two years on enacted legislation  
32 and regulatory matters which impact state-tribal relations."