



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 4780

Offered by:  
SEN. PENN, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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      Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2      following in lieu thereof:

3      "Section 1. (NEW) The Governor may establish, within the  
4      Governor's office, an Office of State-Tribal Relations. The office shall be  
5      staffed by a person or persons with expertise in Indian law and shall  
6      assist the Governor in a research and advisory capacity with respect to  
7      laws and regulations concerning federally-recognized Indian tribes  
8      and the social, economic and legal relationship between the state and  
9      the federally-recognized Indian tribes in the state.

10      Sec. 2. (NEW) An advisory committee to the Office of State-Tribal  
11      Relations shall be established to inform the office of critical issues  
12      affecting state-tribal relations. The advisory committee shall be  
13      composed of the following members: One representative from the  
14      Governor's office; one representative from each of Connecticut's  
15      federally-recognized tribes; the president pro tempore of the Senate, or  
16      a designee; the minority leader of the Senate, or a designee; the speaker

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

25       Sec. 3. (NEW) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management  
26 shall employ such professional and research staff with expertise in  
27 Indian law as deemed necessary to assist the General Assembly in a  
28 research and advisory capacity with respect to laws and regulations  
29 concerning federally-recognized Indian tribes and the social, economic  
30 and legal relationship between the state and federally-recognized  
31 Indian tribes in the state. The Office of Legislative Research shall  
32 report to the General Assembly every two years on enacted legislation  
33 and regulatory matters which impact state-tribal relations."