



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 401

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Substitute House Bill No. 6755

House of Representatives, April 23, 2001

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. STRATTON of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT TO INCREASE STAFF LEVELS IN THE INDIAN AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars is
2 appropriated, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
3 30, 2002, to the office of the Attorney General for the purpose of
4 increasing staff and consultants in the Indian Affairs Division who
5 have specialties in the field of Indian genealogical research and Indian
6 recognition issues.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

ENV Joint Favorable Subst.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Cost (FY 02)

Affected Agencies: Attorney General

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund (FY 02 only) to the Attorney General to increase staff in the Indian Affairs Division and/or provide consultants who specialize in the field of Indian genealogical research. These staff members and/or consultants would participate in proceedings before the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to review federal recognition petitions submitted by tribal groups in Connecticut. It should be noted that the funds would likely be used for consultants, since the funding is for one fiscal year only. At present, four entities have tribal recognition petitions pending before the BIA; another eight groups have filed notices of intent to petition. The consultants are expected to conduct research and provide expert testimony in some proceedings.

OLR Bill Analysis

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COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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