



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6135**

*January Session, 2001*

**AN ACT CONCERNING INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS.**

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

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

8 (b) An advisory committee to the Office of State-Tribal Relations  
9 shall be established to inform the office of critical issues affecting state-  
10 tribal relations. The advisory committee shall be composed of the  
11 following members: One representative from the Governor's office;  
12 one representative from each of Connecticut's federally-recognized  
13 tribes; the president pro tempore of the Senate, or a designee; the  
14 minority leader of the Senate or a designee; the speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives, or a designee; the minority leader of the House of  
16 Representatives, or a designee; the chairpersons and ranking members  
17 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
18 cognizance of matters relating to public safety, or their designees; and  
19 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or a designee.

20 (c) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall employ

21 such professional and research staff with expertise in Indian law as  
22 deemed necessary to assist the General Assembly in a research and  
23 advisory capacity with respect to laws and regulations concerning  
24 federally-recognized Indian tribes and the social, economic and legal  
25 relationship between the state and federally-recognized Indian tribes  
26 in the state. The Office of Legislative Research shall report to the  
27 General Assembly every two years on enacted legislation and  
28 regulatory matters that impact state-tribal relations.

**PS**        *Joint Favorable Subst.*