



2001 SENATE BILL 466

February 26, 2002 - Introduced by Senator GEORGE, cosponsored by Representative MUSSER. Referred to Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 15.01 (4); and *to create* 15.107 (18), 16.025, 20.505 (4) (kt),
2 20.505 (8) (hm) 22., 20.923 (6) (ab) and 230.08 (2) (yz) of the statutes; **relating**
3 **to:** creation of the Wisconsin tribal-state council and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a council composed of representatives of the American Indian tribes and bands in this state and representatives of state and local governments. It assigns a number of functions to the council that relate to facilitating communications and sharing information between the state and tribal governments. In addition, it directs the council to monitor those actions of the executive and legislative branches of state government that may affect tribal governments and American Indians and to make policy recommendations regarding those matters. The bill requires all state agencies to provide assistance to the council, upon request. The council is attached to the department of administration for administrative purposes.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 15.01 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16, is
5 amended to read:

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1 15.01 (4) "Council" means a part-time body appointed to function on a
2 continuing basis for the study, and recommendation of solutions and policy
3 alternatives, of the problems arising in a specified functional area of state
4 government, except the Wisconsin land council has the powers specified in s. 16.965
5 (3) and (5) and the powers granted to agencies under ch. 227, the Milwaukee River
6 revitalization council has the powers and duties specified in s. 23.18, the council on
7 physical disabilities has the powers and duties specified in s. 46.29 (1) and (2), the
8 state council on alcohol and other drug abuse has the powers and duties specified in
9 s. 14.24, the Wisconsin tribal-state council has the powers and duties specified in ss.
10 15.107 (18) and 16.025, and, before January 1, 2001, the council on health care fraud
11 and abuse has the powers and duties specified in s. 146.36.

12 **SECTION 2.** 15.107 (18) of the statutes is created to read:

13 15.107 (18) WISCONSIN TRIBAL-STATE COUNCIL. (a) There is created a Wisconsin
14 tribal-state council which is attached to the department of administration under s.
15 15.03.

16 (b) The council shall consist of the following:

17 1. Eleven members, one each of whom shall be appointed by the elected
18 governing body of each of the 11 federally recognized American Indian tribes and
19 bands in this state.

20 2. Three members, appointed by the governor, representing state departments
21 and agencies that have extensive interactions with tribal governments.

22 3. The attorney general or his or her designee.

23 4. The state superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee.

24 5. One member of the senate, appointed by the senate majority leader.

25 6. One member of the senate, appointed by the senate minority leader.

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- 1 7. One member of the assembly, appointed by the speaker of the assembly.
- 2 8. One member of the assembly, appointed by the assembly minority leader.
- 3 9. One member, appointed by the governor, representing a county government.
- 4 10. One member, appointed by the governor, representing a municipal
5 government.
- 6 (c) The members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authorities.
- 7 (d) At its first meeting in each year, the council shall elect one cochairperson
8 from among the members appointed under par. (b) 1. and one cochairperson from
9 among the members appointed under par. (b) 2. to 10. and may elect a secretary from
10 among its members. The council may not elect a chairperson or vice chairperson.
- 11 (e) The council shall meet at least quarterly at a location determined by the
12 council or either cochairperson and shall meet at the call of either cochairperson or
13 a majority of its members. The secretary of administration may not require the
14 council to meet and may not determine the council's meeting place. Either or both
15 cochairpersons may preside at a meeting of the council.
- 16 (f) The council shall appoint an executive director outside the classified service
17 to serve at its pleasure.
- 18 (g) The council shall perform the functions specified under ss. 15.09 (5) and
19 16.025.

20 **SECTION 3.** 16.025 of the statutes is created to read:

21 **16.025 Wisconsin tribal-state council.** (1) In this section:

- 22 (a) "Agency" means any office, department, agency, institution of higher
23 education, association, society, or other body in state government created or
24 authorized to be created by the constitution or any law which is entitled to expend

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1 moneys appropriated by law, including the legislature and the courts, but not
2 including an authority.

3 (b) "Authority" means a body created under ch. 231, 232, 233, 234, or 235.

4 **(2)** The Wisconsin tribal-state council shall do all of the following:

5 (a) Facilitate the resolution of disputes, disagreements, and
6 misunderstandings between state government and tribal governments by
7 coordinating communication between the appropriate representatives of the state
8 and tribal governments.

9 (b) Serve as an information clearinghouse regarding state-tribal relations and
10 state programs that affect tribal governments and American Indians.

11 (c) Serve as a resource to agencies, authorities, and the legislature on matters
12 involving state-tribal relations, including providing staff support to task forces or
13 committees.

14 (d) Monitor state executive branch policies and practices that affect tribal
15 governments and American Indians.

16 (e) Develop recommendations for state executive branch policies.

17 (f) Monitor agreements between state government and tribal governments.

18 (g) Support and coordinate communication between agency and authority
19 liaisons who work with tribes, to promote smooth delivery of state services to tribal
20 governments and American Indians and to avoid duplication of effort. The council
21 shall review the adequacy of existing state liaison positions and recommend any
22 changes in the number of liaison positions as it considers necessary.

23 (h) Monitor state legislation that potentially may affect tribal governments or
24 American Indians.

25 (i) Develop recommendations for state legislation.

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1 (j) Provide training to state officials and employees concerning the legal status
2 of American Indian tribes and bands, legal and practical aspects of relations between
3 tribal governments and the state and federal governments, and issues affecting
4 state-tribal relations. The council shall provide training to state executive branch
5 officials and employees at least once annually. The council shall provide training to
6 state legislators and legislative employees at least once at the start of each legislative
7 session.

8 (k) In lieu of the report under s. 15.09 (7), submit a biennial report on the
9 council's activities to the governor, to the special committee on state-tribal relations,
10 and to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the
11 appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3).

12 **(3)** All agencies and authorities shall fully cooperate with and assist the
13 Wisconsin tribal-state council. To that end, a representative of an agency or
14 authority shall, upon request of the council or its executive director, do all of the
15 following:

16 (a) Provide information on program policies, procedures, practices, and
17 services affecting American Indians or tribal governments.

18 (b) Present recommendations to the council.

19 (c) Attend meetings and provide staff assistance needed by the council.

20 (d) Inform the agency or authority of issues concerning the council.

21 **SECTION 4.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
22 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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20.505 Administration, department of

(4) ATTACHED DIVISIONS AND OTHER BODIES

(kt) Wisconsin tribal-state council PR-S A -0- 214,300

SECTION 5. 20.505 (4) (kt) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (4) (kt) *Wisconsin tribal-state council*. The amounts in the schedule for the general program operations of the Wisconsin tribal-state council. All moneys transferred from the appropriation account under sub. (8) (hm) 22. shall be credited to this appropriation account. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (a), the unencumbered balance on June 30 of each year shall revert to the appropriation account under sub. (8) (hm).

SECTION 6. 20.505 (8) (hm) 22. of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (8) (hm) 22. The amount transferred to sub. (4) (kt) shall be the amount in the schedule under sub. (4) (kt).

SECTION 7. 20.923 (6) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

20.923 (6) (ab) Administration, department of: executive director of the Wisconsin tribal-state council.

SECTION 8. 230.08 (2) (yz) of the statutes is created to read:

230.08 (2) (yz) The executive director of the Wisconsin tribal-state council.

SECTION 9. Nonstatutory provisions; administration.

(1) Notwithstanding section 16.42 (1) (e) of the statutes, in submitting information under section 16.42 of the statutes for purposes of the 2003-05 biennial budget bill, the department of administration shall submit a dollar amount for the appropriation under section 20.505 (4) (kt) of the statutes, as created by this act, that

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1 is \$15,000 less than the total amount appropriated under section 20.505 (4) (kt) of
2 the statutes for the 2002-03 fiscal year, before submitting any information relating
3 to any increase or decrease in the dollar amount for that appropriation for the
4 2003-05 fiscal biennium.

5 **SECTION 10. Nonstatutory provisions; Wisconsin tribal-state council.**

6 (1) POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS. There is authorized for the Wisconsin tribal-state
7 council 1.0 FTE PR executive director position and 2.0 FTE PR other positions, to be
8 funded from the appropriation under section 20.505 (4) (kt) of the statutes, as created
9 by this act.

10 (END)