Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1440

Introduced by

Representatives Onstad, Hawken, D. Johnson

Senators Bercier, Lyson, Trenbeath

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the legislative council state-tribal relations committee; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

State-tribal relations committee - Duties.

1. The legislative council, during each biennium, shall appoint a state-tribal relations committee in the same manner as the council appoints other interim committees.
2. In addition to the legislative members appointed by the legislative council, the following serve as ex officio nonvoting members:
   a. The executive director of the Indian affairs commission;
   b. The chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's designee;
   c. The chairman of the Spirit Lake Tribe, or the chairman's designee;
   d. The chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, or the chairman's designee;
   e. The chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, or the chairman's designee; and
   f. The chairman of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, or the chairman's designee.
3. The council shall designate the chairman of the committee.
4. The committee shall operate according to the statutes and procedures governing the operation of other legislative council interim committees.
5. The non-legislative members of the committee are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses, except the executive director of the Indian affairs

commission is entitled to mileage and expenses to be paid by the Indian affairs commission. The committee shall report to the legislative council in the same manner as do other interim legislative committees.

6. The duties of the state-tribal relations committee include:

   a. Acting as a liaison with tribal governments;

   b. Encouraging state-tribal and local government-tribal cooperation;

   c. Promoting economic development and promoting the establishment of partnerships and new tribal business entities on Indian reservations in the state;

   d. Studying federal and state rules regarding health care and water issues; and

   e. Identifying common bonds and proposing legislation for the mutual benefit of the state and the tribes.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through December 31, 2008, and after that date is ineffective.