

HOUSE BILL NO. 105

INTRODUCED BY J. WINDY BOY

BY REQUEST OF THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS ON TRAINING OF STATE AGENCY MANAGERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES ON TRIBAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS; REQUIRING TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-143, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 2-15-143, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-143. Training and consultation. (1) At least once a year, the ~~department of justice~~ governor's office and a trainer selected by the tribal governments shall provide training ~~in Helena or a site mutually agreed upon~~ IN HELENA OR A SITE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON to state agency managers and key employees who have regular communication with tribes on the legal status of tribes, the legal rights of tribal members, and social, economic, and cultural issues of concern to tribes.

(2) At least annually, the governor ~~may~~ shall convene ~~in Helena~~ IN HELENA a ~~full-day~~ working meeting ~~at which the governor, with~~ representatives of state agencies; and tribal officials, including ~~chiefs and tribal~~ presiding officers, ~~shall~~ to discuss:

(a) ~~review the~~ tribal concerns with rules and policies that directly impact tribal government and tribal populations ~~that are proposed for adoption by the state agencies and recommend changes to the policies;~~ and

(b) ~~discuss other~~ issues of concern to either the state ~~and or~~ the tribes ~~and formulate solutions;~~ and

(c) potential solutions to the concerns.

(3) By ~~December~~ August 15 of each year, a each state agency shall submit to the governor a report ~~for the prior fiscal year describing to the governor and to each tribal government~~ on the activities of the state agency relating to tribal government and tribal populations. The report must include:

(a) any rule or policy changes that the state agency adopted because of discussions under subsection

(2)(a);

~~(b) the name of the individual within the state agency who is responsible for implementing the policy;~~



