

HOUSE BILL NO. 110

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BY REQUEST OF THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A STATE AGENCY TO DOCUMENT THAT IT HAS CONSIDERED STATUTORY GUIDING PRINCIPLES WHEN FORMULATING OR IMPLEMENTING POLICIES OR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT HAVE DIRECT TRIBAL IMPLICATIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-15-142, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 2-15-142, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-142. Guiding principles. In formulating or implementing policies or administrative rules that have direct tribal implications, a state agency ~~should consider~~ shall document its consideration of the following principles:

- (1) a commitment to cooperation and collaboration;
- (2) mutual understanding and respect;
- (3) regular and early communication;
- (4) a process of accountability for addressing issues; and
- (5) preservation of the tribal-state relationship."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

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