

## LD 1834 An Act to Establish the Office of Tribal-State Affairs

Compartmentalized within Secretary of State's Office

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LD 1834

### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Government-Government Collaboration

- Deputy secretary of state to monitor legislation expressly naming any one of the tribes and then communicate that with the governments of that tribe to facilitate/coordinate input/engagement from that tribe in the legislative process
- Interagency to connect Tribal governments to other points in government
- Collaborates with other state and federal agencies to strengthen & develop programs, practices and service delivery for the betterment of Tribal Citizens
- Legislative Liaison to monitor possible changes that have impacts on Tribal communities.
- Judicial Liaison of matters not before Tribal courts
- Provide training
- Help facilitate communication between state agencies and Tribal government
- Redirect consultation authority from MITSC - LD 585 (130th)
- Would facilitate certification of legislation under Title 5, Chapter 376: Tribal State Collaboration

#### Economic Development

- Promotion of Tribal economic development
- Work with Tribal governments to identify economic opportunities.

#### Education

- Work with Tribal governments to further formal educational opportunities within K-12, adult ed, technical education, and post secondary education.
- Liaison to research, cultural, and Tribal institutions

#### Continue Growth

- Annual written report to include overview of completed projects and recommendations to strengthen Tribal-State affairs.

### STAFF

- 1 Deputy Secretary of State on Tribal Affairs, acting as executive director
- 1 Planning Associate, acting as senior administrative associate
- 1 economic development & education coordinator.

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Deputy Secretary of State on Tribal Affairs, chair, ex officio
- 2 member appointed by Chief Administrator of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- 2 member appointed by Chief Administrator of the Mi'kmaq Nation
- 1 member appointed by Chief Administrator of Passamaquoddy Tribe at Mohtahkmikuk

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1 member appointed by Chief Administrator of Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik

2 member appointed by Chief Administrator of the Penobscot Nation

Advisory Council has ability to inform the direction of the Office, advise the Deputy Secretary, and review/revise annual report.

Advisory Council shall meet no fewer than 4 times a year.