

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-344
HOUSE BILL 363**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO HOLD LAND IN TRUST FOR STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-405 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-405. North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs – purposes for creation.

The purposes of the Commission shall be as follows:

- (1) ~~to~~ To deal fairly and effectively with Indian ~~affairs;~~affairs.
- (2) ~~to~~ To bring local, State, and federal resources into focus for the implementation or continuation of meaningful programs for Indian citizens of the State of North ~~Carolina;~~Carolina.
- (3) ~~to~~ To provide aid and protection for Indians as needs are demonstrated; to prevent undue ~~hardships;~~hardships.
- (4) To hold land in trust for the benefit of State-recognized Indian tribes. This subdivision shall not apply to federally recognized Indian tribes.
- (5) ~~to~~ To assist Indian communities in social and economic ~~development;~~ and development.
- (6) ~~to~~ To promote recognition of and the right of Indians to pursue cultural and religious traditions considered by them to be sacred and meaningful to Native Americans."

SECTION 2. G.S. 143B-406 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-406. North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs – duties; use of funds.

(a) The Commission shall have the following duties: ~~It shall be the duty of the Commission~~

- (1) ~~to~~ To study, consider, accumulate, compile, assemble and disseminate information on any aspect of Indian ~~affairs;~~affairs.
- (2) ~~to~~ To investigate relief needs of Indians of North Carolina and to provide technical assistance in the preparation of plans for the alleviation of such ~~needs;~~needs.
- (3) ~~to~~ To confer with appropriate officials of local, State and federal governments and agencies of these governments, and with such congressional committees that may be concerned with Indian affairs to encourage and implement coordination of applicable resources to meet the needs of Indians in North ~~Carolina;~~Carolina.
- (4) ~~to~~ To cooperate with and secure the assistance of the local, State and federal governments or any agencies thereof in formulating any such programs, and to coordinate such programs with any programs regarding Indian affairs adopted or planned by the federal government to the end that the State Commission of Indian Affairs secure the full benefit of such ~~programs;~~programs.
- (5) To act as trustee for any interest in real property that may be transferred to the Commission for the benefit of State-recognized

Indian tribes in accordance with a trust agreement approved by the Commission. The Commission shall not hold any interest in real property for the benefit of federally recognized Indian tribes.

- (6) ~~to~~ To review all proposed or pending State legislation and amendments to existing State legislation affecting Indians in North ~~Carolina;~~Carolina.
- (7) ~~to~~ To conduct public hearings on matters relating to Indian affairs and to subpoena any information or documents deemed necessary by the ~~Commission;~~Commission.
- (8) ~~to~~ To study the existing status of recognition of all Indian groups, tribes and communities presently existing in the State of North ~~Carolina;~~Carolina.
- (9) ~~to~~ To establish appropriate procedures to provide for legal recognition by the State of presently unrecognized ~~groups;~~groups.
- (10) ~~to~~ To provide for official State recognition by the Commission of such ~~groups; and~~ groups.
- (11) ~~to~~ To initiate procedures for their recognition by the federal government.

(b) The Commission may adopt rules to implement the provisions of subdivision (a)(5) of this section."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of July, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 11:39 a.m. this 3rd day of August, 2001