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# SENATE BILL No. 426

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-4-31.4; IC 9-18-44-4.

**Synopsis:** Native American Indian affairs fund. Establishes the Native American Indian affairs fund (fund). Requires the commissioner of the bureau of motor vehicles to distribute to the fund money received from the annual fee for an Indiana Native American trust license plate. (Current law requires the distributions to be made to The Museums At Prophetstown, Inc.) Authorizes the Native American Indian affairs commission to: (1) engage in; and (2) use money in the fund for; special projects. Continuously appropriates money in the fund.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-31.4-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 8. (a) The commission  
3 shall study problems common to Native American Indian residents of  
4 Indiana in the areas of employment, education, civil rights, health, and  
5 housing. The commission may make recommendations to appropriate  
6 federal, state, and local governmental agencies concerning the  
7 following:

- 8 (1) Health issues affecting Native American Indian communities,  
9 including data collection, equal access to public assistance  
10 programs, and informing health officials of cultural traditions  
11 relevant to health care.
- 12 (2) Cooperation and understanding between the Native American  
13 Indian communities and other communities throughout Indiana.
- 14 (3) Cultural barriers to the educational system, including barriers  
15 to higher education and opportunities for financial aid and  
16 minority scholarships.
- 17 (4) Inaccurate information and stereotypes concerning Native



- 1 American Indians, including the accuracy of educational
- 2 curriculum.
- 3 (5) Measures to stimulate job skill training and related workforce
- 4 development, including initiatives to assist employers to
- 5 overcome communication and cultural differences.
- 6 (6) Programs to encourage the growth and support of Native
- 7 American Indian owned businesses.
- 8 (7) Public awareness of issues affecting the Native American
- 9 Indian communities.
- 10 (8) Issues concerning preservation and excavation of Native
- 11 American Indian historical and archeology sites, including
- 12 reburial of Native American Indians.
- 13 (9) Measures that could facilitate easier access to state and local
- 14 government services by Native American Indians.

15 **(b) The commission may engage in special projects related to the**  
 16 **topics set forth in subsection (a) using funds provided from the**  
 17 **Native American Indian affairs fund established by section 10 of**  
 18 **this chapter.**

19 SECTION 2. IC 4-4-31.4-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 20 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 21 1, 2005]: **Sec. 10. (a) The Native American Indian affairs fund is**  
 22 **established to provide money for special projects of the**  
 23 **commission.**

24 **(b) The fund shall be administered by the treasurer of state.**

25 **(c) Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money**  
 26 **in the fund.**

27 **(d) The fund consists of:**

- 28 **(1) gifts;**
- 29 **(2) contributions;**
- 30 **(3) money donated to the commission; and**
- 31 **(4) donations received from the annual fee set forth in**  
 32 **IC 9-18-44-3(a)(2).**

33 **(e) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
 34 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
 35 **manner as other public funds may be invested.**

36 **(f) Interest accrues to the fund.**

37 **(g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**  
 38 **revert to the state general fund.**

39 **(h) Money in the fund is appropriated continuously for the**  
 40 **purpose stated in subsection (a).**

41 SECTION 3. IC 9-18-44-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 4. (a) The Indiana**

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1 Native American trust fund is established.

2 (b) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the Indiana

3 Native American trust fund not currently needed to meet the

4 obligations of the Indiana Native American trust fund in the same

5 manner as other public trust funds are invested. Interest that accrues

6 from these investments shall be deposited in the Indiana Native

7 American trust fund.

8 (c) The commissioner shall administer the Indiana Native American

9 trust fund. Expenses of administering the Indiana Native American

10 trust fund shall be paid from money in the Indiana Native American

11 trust fund.

12 (d) On June 30 of each year, the commissioner shall distribute the

13 money from the fund to the ~~Museums At Prophetstown, Inc.~~ **Native**

14 **American Indian affairs fund.**

15 (e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert

16 to the state general fund.

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