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H.B. No. 1450

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1450:

By: Giddings

C.S.H.B. No. 1450

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designation of a governor's liaison for federally  
recognized Native American tribes.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the State-Tribal  
Collaboration Act.

SECTION 2. Subtitle E, Title 4, Government Code, is amended  
by adding Chapter 471 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 471. STATE COLLABORATION WITH NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES

Sec. 471.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Native American tribe" means a federally  
recognized tribe, band, pueblo, or community, located wholly or  
partially in this state, whose members are eligible for funding and  
services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(2) "State agency" means an agency, department,  
office, or other entity in the executive branch of state  
government.

Sec. 471.002. NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE LIAISON. The governor  
shall designate an employee of the governor's office or an employee  
of the secretary of state's office to serve as liaison between the  
Native American tribes in this state and the governor regarding  
issues of mutual concern between the tribes and this state.

Sec. 471.003. NO CAUSE OF ACTION OR WAIVER OF IMMUNITY.  
Nothing in this chapter creates a cause of action against a state

1 agency or waives state sovereign immunity or tribal immunity.

2 SECTION 3. Not later than October 1, 2017, the governor  
3 shall designate a Native American tribe liaison as required by  
4 Section 471.002, Government Code, as added by this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.