

**SENATE BILL NO. 2320**

Introduced by

Senators Bercier, Every, Warner

Representatives Froelich, Maragos, Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a legislative council state-tribal relations committee; and to provide an  
3 expiration date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **State-tribal relations committee - Duties.** The legislative council, during each  
8 biennium, shall appoint a state-tribal relations committee in the same manner as the council  
9 appoints other interim committees. The council shall appoint five members of the house of  
10 representatives and four members of the senate to the committee. The council shall designate  
11 the chairman of the committee. The committee shall operate according to the statutes and  
12 procedures governing the operation of other legislative council interim committees. The  
13 committee shall report to the legislative council in the same manner as do other interim  
14 legislative committees. The duties of the state-tribal relations committee include:

- 15 1. Acting as a liaison with tribal governments;
- 16 2. Encouraging state-tribal and local government-tribal cooperation;
- 17 3. Identifying, promoting, and advancing economic development on Indian  
18 reservations in the state; and
- 19 4. Conducting interim studies as assigned by the legislative council pursuant to  
20 section 54-35-02.

21 **SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2009, and  
22 after that date is ineffective.