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SENATE BILL 559  
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Short Title: Study on Indian Tribe Eligibility for Grants.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 3, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES  
3 TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS  
4 FROM NONPROFITS AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS AND TO EXEMPT  
5 CERTAIN DISASTER RECOVERY ACT ALLOCATIONS FROM CERTAIN STATE  
6 FUNDS PROCEDURES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission shall study the legal status of  
9 the State-recognized Indian Tribes named in Chapter 71A of the General Statutes. The purpose  
10 of the study is to determine whether any statutory changes are necessary to enable the tribes to  
11 be eligible to apply for and receive economic development and disaster recovery grant funds  
12 from nonprofits and charitable foundations. The Commission shall report its findings and  
13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 2019 General Assembly.

14 **SECTION 2.(a)** Effective December 15, 2016, subdivision (6) of Section 4.1 of S.L.  
15 2016-124 reads as rewritten:

16 "SECTION 4.1. In addition to any other funds appropriated during the 2016-2017 fiscal  
17 year, there is appropriated from the Savings Reserve Account to the General Fund the sum of  
18 one hundred million nine hundred twenty-eight thousand three hundred seventy dollars  
19 (\$100,928,370) in nonrecurring funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and there is appropriated  
20 from the unappropriated General Fund balance the sum of one hundred million dollars  
21 (\$100,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. These funds shall be  
22 allocated as follows:

23 ...  
24 (6) \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to The Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic  
25 Advancement Foundation), Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of  
26 providing grants to eligible entities capable of making loans to small  
27 businesses affected by Hurricane Matthew, the western wildfires, or Tropical  
28 Storms Julia and Hermine. These funds shall not be subject to  
29 G.S. 143C-6-23(d) or G.S. 143C-6-23(f)(1)."

30 **SECTION 2.(b)** Effective July 18, 2017, subdivision (2) of Section 1 of S.L.  
31 2017-119 reads as rewritten:

32 "SECTION 1. If Senate Bill 257 of the 2017 Regular Session becomes law, one hundred  
33 million dollars (\$100,000,000) reserved as Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds in that act  
34 shall be allocated as follows:

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1           (2)     Infrastructure. – Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the Golden L.E.A.F.  
2                     (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., a nonprofit  
3                     corporation, to provide grants to local governments and to 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
4                     corporations for assistance and relief from Hurricane Matthew, the western  
5                     wildfires, and Tropical Storms Julia and Hermine. These funds shall not be  
6                     subject to G.S. 143C-6-23(d) or G.S. 143C-6-23(f1)(1). For purposes of this  
7                     subdivision, infrastructure includes nonresidential buildings that serve the  
8                     public, water, sewer, sidewalks, storm drainage, and other, similar projects.  
9                     ...."  
10            **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
11    law.