

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2017**

**SENATE BILL 559**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF STATE-RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS FROM NONPROFITS AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN DISASTER RECOVERY ACT ALLOCATIONS FROM CERTAIN STATE FUNDS PROCEDURES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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- (6) \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to The Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of providing grants to eligible entities capable of making loans to small businesses affected by Hurricane Matthew, the western wildfires, or Tropical Storms Julia and Hermine. These funds shall not be subject to G.S. 143C-6-23(d) or G.S. 143C-6-23(f1)(1)."

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

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

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- (2) Infrastructure. – Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to the Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to provide grants to local governments and to 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations for assistance and relief from Hurricane Matthew, the western wildfires, and Tropical Storms Julia and Hermine. These funds shall not be subject to G.S. 143C-6-23(d) or G.S. 143C-6-23(f1)(1). For purposes of this



subdivision, infrastructure includes nonresidential buildings that serve the public, water, sewer, sidewalks, storm drainage, and other, similar projects.

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law. **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

s/ Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018