

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 734
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/2/16**

Short Title: Study/American Indian Heritage Ctr.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 15, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS TO
2 COORDINATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
3 NORTH CAROLINA AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Commission on Indian Affairs shall coordinate a task force to study
7 the feasibility of establishing a North Carolina American Indian Heritage Center as a tourist
8 attraction that would promote American Indian cultures and preservation, cultural tourism,
9 customs, and arts that are reflective of the American Indian tribes in North Carolina. As part of its
10 study, the task force shall review existing State cultural facilities to determine whether such
11 facilities are adhering to their mission and are being maintained accordingly.

12 **SECTION 2.** The task force shall include one representative of each of the following
13 tribes and organizations: Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokees, Haliwa Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin,
14 Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony, Waccamaw-Siouan, Cumberland County
15 Association for Indian People, Guilford Native American Association, Metrolina Native American
16 Association, and the Triangle Native American Society. The persons appointed in this section
17 shall be recommended by the tribes or organizations.

18 **SECTION 3.** Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but may
19 receive travel reimbursement from funds available to the Department of Administration. No
20 expenses shall be paid by the Commission on Indian Affairs.

21 **SECTION 4.** The Commission on Indian Affairs shall report the findings and
22 recommendations of the task force, along with any recommendations, to the Joint Legislative
23 Commission on Governmental Operations by March 1, 2017.

24 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

