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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to requiring consultation with tribal nations as part of the state budget process

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 22-d to read as follows:

§ 22-d. Budget proposals impacting tribal nations. For any program operated or maintained in a nation-to-nation partnership between the state and tribal nations recognized by the state to fulfill obligations established under treaties entered into by the United States and such tribal nations, including but not limited to the operation of facilities such as schools, health clinics, and libraries, the division of the budget shall, before December first of each calendar year, prior to the development of the budget proposal, undergo a consultation process with the relevant tribal nations, state agencies, and other stakeholders to identify funding needs for the adequate operation of such facilities. Such consultation shall involve discussion of base funding levels, requested terms to make updates to any existing contracts, and, where needed, the provision of supplemental funds. The results of such consultations shall be delivered to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of each chamber, and the leaders of each of the consulted tribal nations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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