



# HOUSE BILL 600: Clarify Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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| <b>Introduced by:</b> | Reps. Graham, Riddell, Hurtado                     | <b>Prepared by:</b> | Brad Krehely   |
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 600 would amend the State recognition of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation of North Carolina.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Chapter 71A of the General Statutes provides for the recognition of Indian Tribes by the State of North Carolina.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 600 would amend the statutory State recognition of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation of North Carolina (G.S. 71A-7.2) to provide that the Tribe shall continue to enjoy all their rights, privileges, and immunities as an American Indian Tribe with a recognized tribal governing body carrying out and exercising substantial governmental duties and powers similar to the State, being recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when the bill becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** The language in House Bill 600 is consistent with the language that was added to G.S. 71A-5 for the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina in S.L. 2006-111 and in G.S. 71A-3 for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina in S.L. 2019-162.

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