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**HOUSE BILL 710
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/10/03**

Short Title: Occaneechi Band of Saponi/Indian Cult. Ctr.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ADD A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OCCANEECHI BAND OF
2 THE SAPONI NATION TO THE BOARD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN
3 CULTURAL CENTER.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Subsection (b) of Section 2 of Chapter 41 of the 1997 Session
7 Laws, as amended by S.L. 1998-19 and S.L. 2001-318, reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) The Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., shall consist of
9 ~~17~~ 18 members, appointed as follows:

- 10 (1) One member representing each of the following Indian groups
11 recognized by the State of North Carolina: the Coharie of Sampson
12 and Harnett Counties; the Eastern Band of Cherokees; the Haliwa of
13 Halifax, Warren, and adjoining counties; the Lumbees of Robeson,
14 Hoke, and Scotland Counties; the Meherrin of Hertford County; the
15 Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation of Alamance and Orange
16 Counties; the Indians of Person County; and the Waccamaw-Siouan
17 from Columbus and Bladen Counties;
- 18 (2) One member each from the following Indian organizations: the
19 Cumberland County Association for Indian People, the Guilford
20 Native Americans, the Metrolina Native Americans, and the Triangle
21 Native American Society;
- 22 (3) One member representing the education community of the State;
- 23 (4) Two members representing the business community of the State;
- 24 (5) Two members representing the government of the State of North
25 Carolina; and
- 26 (6) One member representing the federal government.

27 Each member designated in subdivisions (1) and (2) above shall be appointed by the
28 North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs from two prioritized nominations
29 submitted by the group or organization to be represented by that member. Each member

1 designated in subdivisions (3) through (6) above shall be appointed by the North
2 Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs from two prioritized nominations submitted by
3 the Board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc. If the nominating group or
4 organization submits only one nomination or fails to submit nominations for any reason
5 within 30 days after the date designated for submission by the Commission, the
6 Commission shall appoint a member of its choice to fill the requirement. The Board of
7 the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Inc., shall appoint a chair from the Board
8 membership.

9 Members shall serve two-year terms, except that the initial terms of:

10 (1) The members representing the Coharie of Sampson and Harnett
11 Counties, the Eastern Band of Cherokees, the Indians of Person
12 County; and the Meherrin of Hertford County; the Occaneechi Band of
13 the Saponi Nation of Alamance and Orange Counties; the member
14 representing the Metrolina Native Americans; the member
15 representing the education community of the State; one member
16 representing the government of the State of North Carolina; and one
17 member representing the business community shall be for one year;
18 and

19 (2) The members representing the Haliwa of Halifax, Warren, and
20 adjoining counties, the Lumbees of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland
21 Counties, and the Waccamaw-Siouan from Columbus and Bladen
22 Counties; the members representing the Cumberland County
23 Association for Indian People and the Guilford Native Americans; one
24 member representing the business community of the State; one
25 member representing the government of the State of North Carolina;
26 and one member representing the federal government shall be for two
27 years."

28 **SECTION 2.** In order to provide for appropriate staggering of terms, the
29 term of the member added pursuant to Section 1 of this act to represent the Occaneechi
30 Band of the Saponi Nation of Alamance and Orange Counties shall run concurrently
31 with the terms of the members whose initial terms were for one year.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.