Safe Haven: Release of Information to Child's Tribe WLC: 0055/1

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AMENDMENT TO WLC: 0051/1

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on State—Tribal Relations. It amends a draft relating to the collection and sharing of information regarding an American Indian child relinquished under the safe haven law.

Under current law, information regarding the identity of a person who relinquishes a child under the safe haven law must be treated as confidential, but may be shared with specified entities. The provision amended by this draft adds to the list of entities with which such information may be shared the child welfare staff of a tribe of which the child may be a member or may be eligible to be a member. It uses wording drawn from the definition of "Indian child" in the Indian Child Welfare Act, but modifies that wording to limit it to the specific tribe in question, not any tribe.

The wording change made by this amendment is designed to more clearly accomplish that intent.

2 **1.** Page 3, line 5: delete "the Indian tribe" and substitute "an Indian tribe".

3 (END)