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DATE: April 20, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; AMENDING RESOLUTION HEHSCAP-05-20, ENTITLED “AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROVING 2020 - 2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN;” T’IISYAAKIN RESIDENTIAL HALL, INC.

PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION: This resolution, if approved, will amend resolution HEHSCAP-05-20, Entitled “An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services; Approving 2020 - 2024 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan.” The amendment concerns T’iisyaakin Residential Hall, Inc.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0151-20

AN ACTION
RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; AMENDING RESOLUTION HEHSCAP-05-20, ENTITLED “AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROVING 2020 - 2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN,” T’IISYAAKIN RESIDENTIAL HALL, INC.

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY
The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). Among various responsibilities, it approves apportionment plans for school boards for use in elections every four years. 11 N.N.C. § 11.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS
A. On April 15, 2020, Health, Education and Human Services approved HEHSCAP-05-20, resolution entitled “AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
HUMAN SERVICES; APPROVING 2020 - 2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD
APPORTIONMENT PLAN.” Resolution HEHSCAP-05-20, attached hereto as Exhibit
A.

B. Under the 2020 – 2024 Navajo Nation School Board Apportionment Plan, generally,
schools are consolidated for purposes of being represented by one school board. The
Tiisyaakin Residential Hall is included in the new Apportionment Plan and it is combined
with schools for purposes of operating under one governing board.

C. Tiisyaakin Residential Hall “provides residential services for Holbrook High School
students, grades 9th to 12th at large from the Navajo Nation and surrounding areas.” See,
Tiisyaakin.org. It is located in Holbrook, Arizona. Id. “Student residing in the residential
hall attend Holbrook High School and they stay Sunday through Friday and then are bused
home weekly.” The residential hall is “federally funded under P.L. 100-297, through the
Bureau of Indian Education.” Id.

D. The governing board, supported by the Principal of the Holbrook High School, is
requesting the apportionment plan be amended to allow the residential hall to have its own
governing board (not to be a part of other consolidated schools). Exhibit B, May 8, 2020
resolution and letter of HHS Principal. In its resolution requesting amendment, the current
governing board states – “[Tiisyaakin Residential Hall] board is comprised of members
from the surrounding communities familiar with the students and local culture which the
home living program serves;” It states that a plan to include such a residential hall would
be detrimental to its “mission of delivering a high-quality experience to its students and
staff through continued excellence ....” In support, the Principal of Holbrook High School
reports above average graduation rates of Native students at the high school and advises
against any disruption in the current Tiisyaakin Residential Hall system.

E. Due to unique circumstances presented, and in the interests of fairness, it is in the best
interest of the Navajo Nation to amend the 2020 – 2024 Navajo Nation School Board
Apportionment Plan.
SECTION THREE. AMENDING HEHSCAP-05-20

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby amends HEHSCAP-05-20 as follows:

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FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY
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02. Tsé Hooloolií (Ft. Defiance) Schools

Five (5) Member Board

*(Combined with Hunter’s Point Boarding School Wide Ruins Community School, Kin Dah Lichí’lOta, Dilcon Community School, Greasewood Community School, Ch’ooshgai Community School, T’iisyaakin Residential Hall, Winslow Residential Hall)

03. T’iisyaakin Residential Hall / 3 – Navajo Nation-wide

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