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**TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services Committee And NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Supporting New Mexico Senate Bill 407 Title "An Act Relating To Higher Education; Allowing Tribal Colleges To Receive Funds From The Lottery Tuition Fund"**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0038-19

**DATE:** February 20, 2019

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO SENATE BILL 407 TITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ALLOWING TRIBAL COLLEGES TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE LOTTERY TUITION FUND"

**PURPOSE:** If approved, this resolution will support the New Mexico Senate Bill 470 which will include students attending accredited tribal colleges among those eligible for Lottery scholarships on the same basis as students at state higher educational institutions

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Zero

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Health Education & Human Services Committee

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Naa' bik'iyáti' Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

3 INTRODUCED BY

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5 Primary Sponsor

6 TRACKING NO. 0038-19

7 AN ACTION

8 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
9 COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW  
10 MEXICO SENATE BILL 407 TITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER  
11 EDUCATION; ALLOWING TRIBAL COLLEGES TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM  
12 THE LOTTERY TUITION FUND"

13 **WHEREAS:**

- 14 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation  
15 Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to  
16 coordinate all state programs, including education in public schools. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§  
17 700 (A), 701 (A)(6). *See also* CO-45-12.
- 18 B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of  
19 New Mexico.
- 20 C. Senator Benny Shendo, Jr. introduced New Mexico Senate Bill 407 to the 54<sup>th</sup>  
21 Legislature of the State of New Mexico. *See* New Mexico SB 407 attached hereto as  
22 **Exhibit A.**
- 23 D. Senate Bill 407 seeks to amend Section 21-21N-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2014,  
24 Chapter 80, Section 2, as amended) by including students attending accredited tribal  
25 colleges among those eligible for Lottery scholarships on the same basis as students at state  
26 higher educational institutions. *Id.*
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1       **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

2       A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports New Mexico Senate Bill 470 titled “AN ACT  
3       RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ALLOWING TRIBAL COLLEGES TO  
4       RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE LOTTERY TUITION FUND” attached hereto as  
5       **Exhibit A.**

6       B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,  
7       President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation’s  
8       support of the New Mexico Senate Bill 470.

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