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TITLE: 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.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0151-20

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.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2020

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 (Prime Sponsor)

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11 AN ACTION

12 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; AMENDING
13 RESOLUTION HEHSCAP-05-20, ENTITLED "AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH,
14 EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES; APPROVING 2020 - 2024 NAVAJO NATION
15 SCHOOL BOARD APPORTIONMENT PLAN;" T'IISYAANKIN RESIDENTIAL HALL,
16 INC.

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20 **BE IT ENACTED:**

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22 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

23 The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
24 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A). Among various responsibilities, it approves
25 apportionment plans for school boards for use in elections every four years. 11 N.N.C. §
26 11.

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28 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

29 A. On April 15, 2020, Health, Education and Human Services approved HEHSCAP-05-
30 20, resolution entitled "AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND

1 HUMAN SERVICES; APPROVING 2020 - 2024 NAVAJO NATION SCHOOL BOARD
2 APPORTIONMENT PLAN.” Resolution HEHSCAP-05-20, attached hereto as Exhibit
3 A.

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

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

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

25 E. Due to unique circumstances presented, and in the interests of fairness, it is in the best
26 interest of the Navajo Nation to amend the 2020 – 2024 Navajo Nation School Board
27 Apportionment Plan.

1 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING HEHSCAP-05-20**

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

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5 **FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY**

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7 **02. Tsé Hootsoi II (Ft. Defiance) Schools**

8 Five (5) Member Board

9 *(Combined with Hunter's Point Boarding School Wide Ruins Community School,
10 Kin Dah Lichi'IOlta, Dilcon Community School, Greasewood Community School,
11 Ch'ooshgai Community School, ~~T'iisyaakin Residential Hall~~, Winslow Residential
12 Hall)

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

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