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**TITLE: An Act Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee;
Approving the Amended Plan of Operation for the Navajo Division of Social
Services**

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LEGISLATION SUMMARY

Date: January 27, 2022

Re: AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE AMENDED PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Purpose: to approve the amendments to the Navajo Division of Social Services' Plan of Operation.

OLC No. 22-021-1

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February 1, 2022

February 2, 2022

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2022

Introduced by:



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Tracking No. **0020-22**

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE AMENDED PLAN OF OPERATION
FOR THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with legislative oversight over the Navajo Division of Social Services (“NDSS”), and the authority to approve the Plan of Operation for NDSS. 2 N.N.C. §401(B)(1), §401(B)(6)(a), §401(B)(8), and 2 N.N.C. §1655.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Division of Social Services desires to amend its Plan of Operation, and has worked with the Department of Justice in preparing a draft of its desired amendments. The NDSS’ proposed Plan of Operation as amended is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.

B. The NDSS’ proposed amendments include changes to the following under the NDSS:

1. Office of the Executive Director;
2. Department of Family Services;
3. Department for Self-Reliance;

- 1 4. Developmental Disabilities Program; and
- 2 5. Navajo Family Assistance Services.

3 B. The Department of Justice has reviewed NDSS' proposed amendments and has indicated
4 that such amendments are legally sufficient. **EXHIBIT B.**

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6 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

7 The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
8 approves the Navajo Division of Social Services' amended Plan of Operation, as shown in the
9 attached **EXHIBIT A.**

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11 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

12 The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(C).

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14 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

15 If any provision of this Act is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation, or by
16 any Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the
17 remainder of this Act shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.