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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0089-22

DATE: April 26, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will amend the Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Police Department. Certain parts of the following sections will be amended by this Resolution: *Section II.* Purpose and Objectives; *Section III.* Staffing and Organization; *Section IV.* Authority and Responsibilities of the Navajo Nation Police Department, Responsibilities of the Chief of Police, and Responsibilities of Navajo Police Training Academy.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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

INTRODUCED BY:



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AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND
AMENDING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION
POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with legislative oversight over the Office of the Controller, to review, recommend or propose the adoption, amendment or rescission of its Plan of Operation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300(A), 301(B)(13).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with legislative oversight over the Division of General Services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(C)(1).
- C. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to review and approve plans of operation for all divisions, departments and programs under the Committee's oversight authority and to amend or rescind such plans of operation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 601(B)(4).
- D. The Law and Order Committee serves as the oversight committee for the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation, all administrative legal tribunals including but not

1 limited to the Navajo Nation Labor Commission and the Office of Hearings and
2 Appeals, Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Prosecutor, Division of Public
3 Safety, the Office of Ethics and Rules, and the Department of Justice. 2 N.N.C. §
4 601(C)(1)(2).

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6 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 7 A. The purpose of this legislation is to amend the Plan of Operation for the Navajo
8 Nation Police Department. Certain parts of the following sections will be amended by
9 this Resolution: *Section II.* Purpose and Objectives; *Section III.* Staffing and
10 Organization; *Section IV.* Authority and Responsivities of the Navajo Nation Police
11 Department, Responsibilities of the Chief of Police, and Responsibilities of Navajo
12 Police Training Academy.
- 13 B. The amended plan of operation including an updated organizational chart is attached
14 as **Exhibit A** and new language is clearly indicated by using the underscoring method
15 pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(4).
- 16 C. The Navajo Nation Department of Justice has reviewed the amended Navajo Nation
17 Police Department's Plan of Operation and deemed it legally sufficient. The
18 Executive review is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 19 D. LOCAP-08-18, attached as **Exhibit C**, is the current Plan of Operation for the Navajo
20 Nation Police Department that will be amended.

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22 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE AMENDED PLAN OF OPERATION FOR**
23 **THE NAVAJO NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT**

24 The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the
25 amended Plan of Operation, attached as **Exhibit A**, for the Navajo Nation Police
26 Department.

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28 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

1 The Plan of Operation for the Navajo Nation Police Department, amended by this
2 Resolution, shall take immediate effect upon the approval by the Law and Order
3 Committee and certification by the Chairperson.
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