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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committees; Approving the Title IV-E Fund Management Plan for the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0097-23

**DATE:** May 2, 2023

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; APPROVING THE TITLE IV-E FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

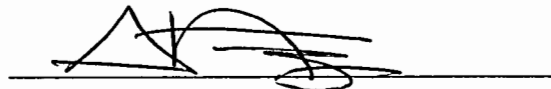
**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve the Division of Social Services' Fund Management Plan for Title IV-E funding.

**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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023



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TRACKING NO. 0097-23

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; APPROVING  
THE TITLE IV-E FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NAVAJO NATION  
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee has oversight of the Division of Social Services. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is empowered to approve fund management plans upon the recommendation of the appropriate oversight committee and the affected division or branch. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(14).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (“Title IV-E”) allows states, territories, and tribes to claim partial federal reimbursement for the cost of providing foster care,

1 adoption assistance, and kinship guardianship assistance to children who meet  
2 federal eligibility criteria. The Title IV-E program also provides support for  
3 monthly payments on behalf of eligible children, as well as funds for related case  
4 management activities, training, data collection, and other costs of program  
5 administration.

6 B. The Navajo Nation Division of Social Services (“DSS”) has prepared the Title IV-  
7 E Fund Management Plan, attached as **Exhibit A**, to govern the expenditure of  
8 funds received under the federal government’s Title IV-E program.

9 C. The Title IV-E Fund Management Plan provides that the Department of Family  
10 Services within DSS can expend Title IV-E funds for the benefit of Foster Care,  
11 Adoptions Assistance, and Guardianship Assistance Programs as indicated in  
12 Section IV. B. of **Exhibit A**.

13 D. The Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Controller, and Department  
14 of Justice have reviewed the proposed Title IV-E Fund Management Plan as part  
15 of an Executive Official Review, attached as **Exhibit B**, and determined that the  
16 proposed fund management plan is legally sufficient provided that the Navajo  
17 Nation Council approved the DSS’ use of the Title IV-E funds.

18 E. The Navajo Nation Council approved the DSS’ use of Title IV-E funds in Council  
19 Resolution CAP-32-23, attached as **Exhibit C**.

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23 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

24 The Navajo Nation approves the Title IV-E Fund Management Plan as detailed in  
25 **Exhibit A**.