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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education and Related Matters

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0159-26

DATE: June 22, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION AND RELATED MATTERS

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would recommend to the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education's Budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 Comprehensive Budget.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

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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Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Budget & Finance Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL –Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND
RECOMMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO
NATION DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education. 2 N.N.C. §400(A) and 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget instructions. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §300(A) and 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2).
- D. The Budget and Finance Committee shall review and make recommendations concerning the budget according to the annual budget instructions to the Navajo Nation

Council. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee held budget meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of Management and Budget regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 ("FY2027") Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report shall be attached as **Exhibit G** and the Budget and Finance Committee, Committee Report shall be attached as **Exhibit H**.
- C. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, Oversight Committee budget recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

SECTION THREE. HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION AND RELATED MATTERS

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby recommends the FY2027 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and in the Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report, to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves certain revisions, if any, to the proposed FY2027 Budget amount for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and in the Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends the changes, if any, to the General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**, and in the Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends certain

1 Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, if any, as listed in **Exhibit D**,
2 and in the Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached
3 as **Exhibit G**.

4 E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that certain
5 Unmet Needs, if any, for the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education be included
6 in the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**. and in the Health,
7 Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

8 F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has been presented with the
9 External Funds Anticipated in FY2027, if any, as listed in **Exhibit F**.

10 G. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that the Budget
11 and Finance Committee approve the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education's
12 FY2027 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E and**
13 **Exhibit G**, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report.

14 H. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby authorizes the Chair
15 and the Vice-Chair to negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these
16 recommendations.

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18 **SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE**
19 **FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF**
20 **DINÉ EDUCATION AND RELATED MATTERS**

21 The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Navajo Nation Department of Diné
22 Education's FY2027 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits**
23 **A-E** and in the Budget and Finance Committee's, Committee Report, **Exhibit H**, to serve
24 as the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council
25 for including in the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget.

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27 **SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES**

28 A. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit G**, the Health, Education and
29 Human Services Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made
30 to this Action (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) that are approved by the Health,

1 Education and Human Services Committee and that serve as the Health, Education and
2 Human Services Committee's recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee.

3 B. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit H**, the Budget and Finance
4 Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to this Action
5 (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) as approved by the Budget and Finance
6 Committee.

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8 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

9 This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. § 189(A) and (B).
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