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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee;
Approving Amendments to the Plans of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division
for Children and Family Services and its Departments and Programs**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0177-26

DATE: July 14, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS OF OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND ITS DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would amend Plans of Operation for the Navajo Nation Division for Children and Family Services and its departments and programs.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Health, Education and Human Services Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

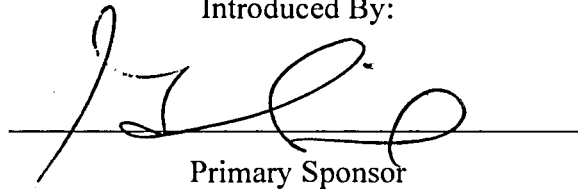
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Health Education & Human Services Committee

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

Introduced By:


Primary Sponsor

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COMMITTEE; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS OF
OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILY SERVICES AND ITS DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of promulgating regulations, promoting accountability to policies, and providing legislative oversight on matters involving health, social service, education, and general governmental services and human services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A) and (C)(1).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee also serves as the legislative oversight for the Navajo Nation Division for Children and Family Services with authority to amend or rescind Plans of Operation under the Committee's oversight. 2 N.N.C. §§ 401(B)(8) and (C)(1).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation Division for Children and Family Services is established under
3 the Executive Branch of the Navajo Nation Government and is responsible for
4 providing the Navajo people with such essential services as approved and
5 authorized by the Navajo Nation Council and to ensure the highest quality of social
6 welfare programs for the Navajo people. 2 N.N.C. §§ 1651 and 1652.
- 7 B. In July of 2024, the Navajo Nation Council passed CJY-35-24, titled “AN ACT
8 RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN
9 SERVICES, NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION
10 COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 1651-1656, AND § 401(C); CHANGING
11 THE NAME OF THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE DIVISION
12 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.”
- 13 C. Resolution CJY-35-24 was signed into law by the President of the Navajo Nation
14 on July 26, 2024, thereby changing the name of the Division of Social Services to
15 the Division for Children and Family Services.
- 16 D. As a result of CJY-35-24, the Plan of Operation for the Division must be updated to
17 reflect the official name change from the Division of Social Services to the
18 Division for Children and Family Services.
- 19 E. The updated Plan of Operation is also necessary to ensure that the plans of
20 operation for all programs operating under the Division are consistent with the
21 amended provisions of 2 N.N.C. §§ 1651-1656 and § 401(C).
- 22 F. The legislation includes the following updated plans of operation for approval:
- 23 1. **Exhibit A**, Plan of Operation for the Division for Children and Family
24 Services Office of the Executive Director;
- 25 2. **Exhibit B**, Division for Children and Family Services Plan of Operation for
26 the Department of Child Care;
- 27 3. **Exhibit C**, Division for Children and Family Services Plan of Operation for
28 the Department for Child Well-Being;
- 29 4. **Exhibit D**, Division for Children and Family Services Plan of Operation for
30 the Navajo Department for Self Reliance;

1 5. **Exhibit E**, Division for Children and Family Services Plan of Operation for
2 the Navajo Department for Long Term Services and Support; and

3 6. **Exhibit F**, Division for Children and Family Services Plan of Operation for
4 the Navajo Treatment Center for Children and Their Families.

5 G. The Plan of Operation for Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program has been
6 stricken and the Navajo Indian Child Welfare Act Program has been incorporated
7 in the Department of Child Well-Being.

8 H. The proposed Plan of Operation and related program plans underwent Executive
9 Official Review under Executive Official Review No. 024505, attached as **Exhibit**
10 **G**.

11 I. On September 18, 2025, the Navajo Nation Department of Justice reviewed the
12 proposed Plan of Operation and related program plans and deemed them legally
13 sufficient.

14 J. Approval of the updated Plan of Operation will provide administrative clarity,
15 ensure legal consistency with CJY-35-24, and support the continued delivery of
16 services by the Navajo Nation Division for Children and Family Services and its
17 programs.

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19 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS OF**
20 **OPERATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISON FOR CHILDREN AND**
21 **FAMILY SERVICES AND ITS DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS**

22 The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves the amendments
23 to the Plan of Operations, within **Exhibits A-F**, for the Navajo Nation Division for
24 Children and Family Services and its departments and programs.