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Navajo Nation Council Committees Approve User Agreement with Arizona Public Safety

Action would allow background checks for tribal jobs that work with children

Window Rock, AZ – On Tuesday, the Budget and Finance Committee approved legislation that would create a User Agreement between the Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona Department of Public Safety. This would allow the Nation to process criminal history records of current and prospective employees and volunteers when the position is classified as a position has regular contact and control of children.

“This agreement creates a layer of protection for our Nation’s children,” said Legislation Sponsor Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Birdsprings, Leupp, Tolani Lake). “Head Start and other similar child care provider personnel can now be officially certified to work with children with the help of the State of Arizona.”

The agreement also includes the use of Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) records to perform background checks in Arizona.

All background checks will be conducted by the Office of Background Investigations located in the Division of Human Resources. Currently background checks are processed through the Department of Public Safety. It is hoped that this user agreement will streamline and quicken the investigations.

The Health, Education & Human Services Committee will provide additional oversight.

The Law & Order and Health, Education & Human Services Committees previously approved the user agreement.

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