# RESOLUTION OF THE NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council - Third Year, 2017

#### AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 2387, 53<sup>rd</sup> LEGISLATURE - STATE OF ARIZONA TITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LEGISLATIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL READINESS STUDY COMMITTEE

#### WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to assist and coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 701 (A)(4), 701(A)(6) (2015); CO-45-12.
- B. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by that government. 2 N.N.C. § 100 (W).
- C. House Bill 2387 (H.B. 2387) sponsored by Representative Bolding was introduced to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature First Regular Session 2017 State of Arizona; H.B. 2387 is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- D. H.B. 2387 is an act establishing the legislative early childhood and school readiness study committee.
- E. The Navajo Nation respectfully requests an amendment to H.B. 2387 to include a member of the Arizona Indian Education Office to the legislative early childhood and school readiness study committee.
- F. It is within the best interest of the Navajo Nation to support the passage of H.B. 2387 with the proposed amendment to include a member of the Arizona Indian Education Office to the legislative early childhood and school readiness study committee.

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports and recommends the passage of H.B. 2387 with a proposed amendment to include a member of the Arizona Indian Education Office to the legislative early childhood and school readiness study committee, attached as **Exhibit A**.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation Speaker, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice and their designees, to advocate for the passage of H.B. 2387 with a proposed amendment to include a member of the Arizona Indian Education Office to the legislative early childhood and school readiness study committee.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of  $\underline{15}$  in favor and 0 oppose, this  $6^{th}$  day of April,  $\underline{2017}$ .

Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Second: Honorable Edmund Yazzie

### 23nd Navajo Nation Council Naabik'iyati' Committee

DATE:	April 6,	, 2017
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Legislation <u>0089-17</u> (Main Motion)

Motion: Amber K. Crotty
Second: Edmund Yazzie

ALL DELEGATES:			BY COMMITTEE:	BY COMMITTEE:				
	Yea	Nay	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR	Yea	Nay	TOTAL		
BATES, LoRenzo			BFC:					
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.			CHEE, Tom T.					
BEGAY, Norman M.			DAMON, Seth					
BEGAYE, Nelson	V		JACK, Lee Sr.					
BENNETT, Benjamin L.			SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	-				
BROWN, Nathaniel	V		WITHERSPOON, Dwight					
CHEE, Tom T.	w		TSOSIE, Leonard					
CROTTY, Amber K.	V		HEHSC:					
DAMON, Seth	V		BEGAY, Norman M.					
DANIELS, Herman	V		BEGAYE, Nelson					
FILFRED, Davis			BROWN, Nathaniel					
HALE, Jonathan L.	V		CROTTY, Amber K.					
JACK, Lee Sr.	V		HALE, Jonathan L.					
PERRY, Jonathan	1		YAZZIE, Peterson					
PETE, Leonard H.			LOC:					
PHELPS, Walter	V		BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.					
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe			DANIELS, Herman					
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	V		SMITH, Raymond Jr.					
SMITH, Raymond Jr.			TSO, Otto					
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TSOSIE, Leonard	V		RDC:					
WITHERSPOON, Dwight	4		BENNETT, Benjamin L.					
YAZZIE, Edmund	V		FILFRED, Davis					
YAZZIE, Peterson	V		PERRY, Jonathan					
			PETE, Leonard H.					
			PHELPS, Walter					
			SHEPHERD, Alton Joe					
			SPEAKER:					
			BATES, LoRenzo					
FRAND TOTAL	15	0	(Votes only in a tie)					

Honorable LoRenzo Bates

Speaker



REFERENCE TITLE: early childhood; school readiness committee

State of Arizona House of Representatives Fifty-third Legislature First Regular Session 2017

## **HB 2387**

Introduced by Representative Bolding

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE LEGISLATIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOL READINESS STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. <u>Legislative early childhood and school readiness</u>
study committee: membership: duties: annual
report; delayed repeal

- A. The legislative early childhood and school readiness study committee is established consisting of the following members:
- 1. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom serves on the senate education committee, or its successor committee, and one of whom serves on the senate health and human services committee, or its successor committee. The president of the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the committee.
- 2. One member of the senate who is appointed by the minority leader of the senate and who serves on the senate education committee or its successor committee.
- 3. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom serves on the house of representatives education committee, or its successor committee, and one of whom serves on the house of representatives health committee, or its successor committee. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the committee.
- 4. One member of the house of representatives who is appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives and who serves on the house of representatives education committee or its successor committee.
- B. Members of the committee serve at the pleasure of the person who appointed the member.
  - C. The committee shall meet at least four times annually.
- D. The committee shall study issues concerning early childhood and school readiness, including:
  - 1. Health care.
  - 2. Mental health.
  - 3. Parental involvement.
  - 4. Family support.
  - 5. Child care.
  - 6. Early learning.
- 7. Early childhood discipline, including suspensions and expulsions from pre-kindergarten programs, kindergarten programs and grades one through three.
- E. The committee shall consult with the Arizona early childhood development and health board established by title 8, chapter 13, Arizona Revised Statutes.

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- F. The committee shall submit a report regarding its recommendations, including possible legislation, on or before November 15 each year to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.
  - G. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2022.

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