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State of Arizona  
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First Regular Session  
2001

CHAPTER 24

# SENATE BILL 1342

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE NAVAJO NATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Joint legislative study committee on the  
3 relationship between the state and the Navajo  
4 nation; membership; duties

5 A. The joint legislative study committee on the relationship between  
6 the state and the Navajo nation is established consisting of the following  
7 members:

8 1. Four members of the house of representatives who are appointed by  
9 the speaker of the house of representatives, not more than two of whom are  
10 members of the same political party, and each of whom represent a district  
11 containing an Indian nation or tribe. The speaker of the house of  
12 representatives shall appoint a cochairperson of the committee.

13 2. Four members of the senate who are appointed by the president of  
14 the senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same political  
15 party, and each of whom represent a district containing an Indian nation or  
16 tribe. The president of the senate shall appoint a cochairperson of the  
17 committee.

18 3. One member of the commission of Indian affairs who is appointed by  
19 the governor.

20 4. One member representing Indian tribes who is appointed by the  
21 speaker of the house of representatives.

22 5. One member representing Indian tribes who is appointed by the  
23 president of the senate.

24 B. The committee shall:

25 1. Review the history of the formation of the Navajo nation, including  
26 the status of the Navajo nation at the time of statehood.

27 2. Review the legal implications of the citizenship status of Navajo  
28 nation members in relation to their tribe, the United States and this state.

29 3. Review the legal implications of the Navajo nation's sovereignty,  
30 including the issue of taxation by the state and counties, and focus on  
31 problems that have arisen when there have been differences between the laws  
32 or policies of this state, or a county, and the laws or policies of the  
33 Navajo nation.

34 4. Compile a list of state programs that provide services to tribal  
35 residents, including those services provided by the department of health  
36 services, the department of transportation, the department of education and  
37 the Arizona health care cost containment system administration and study the  
38 manner in which those agencies coordinate with tribal governments in  
39 administering those programs.

40 5. Determine which universities and community college districts  
41 provide courses on reservations and determine the manner in which community  
42 colleges and universities obtain tribal approval for those courses.

43 6. Evaluate the possible impact of making the Navajo nation a separate  
44 county.

- 1 C. The committee shall make recommendations on the following:  
2 1. Statutory changes that should be made and administrative procedures  
3 that should be adopted in order to improve coordination between state, county  
4 and tribal governments in providing services to reservation residents.  
5 2. Methods to increase partnership efforts between the state, counties  
6 and Navajo nation.  
7 3. Other methods to improve relationships between state, county and  
8 tribal governments.  
9 D. On or before December 15, 2002, the committee shall submit a  
10 written report of its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the  
11 house of representatives, the president of the senate and the governor. The  
12 committee shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state and  
13 the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.  
14 E. The committee may use the services of legislative staff as  
15 required.  
16 Sec. 2 Delayed repeal  
17 Section 1 of this act, relating to the joint legislative study  
18 committee on the relationship between the state and the Navajo nation, is  
19 repealed from and after December 31, 2002.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 28, 2001.  
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 29, 2001.

Passed the House March 21, 2001

Passed the Senate February 19, 2001

by the following vote: 46 Ayes,

by the following vote: 23 Ayes,

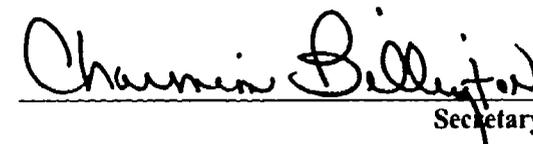
9 Nays, 5 Not Voting

5 Nays, 2 Not Voting

  
Speaker of the House

  
President of the Senate

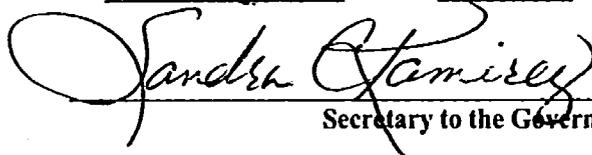
  
Chief Clerk of the House

  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this  
22 day of March, 2001,

at 11:45 o'clock A M.

  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 28 day of

March, 2001,

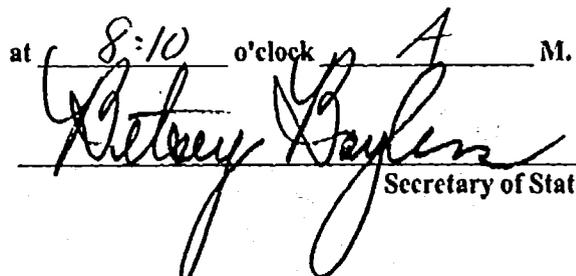
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Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State  
this 29 day of March, 2001,

at 8:10 o'clock A M.

  
Secretary of State

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