

April 2022 State Policy Update

This month, AIPi tracked the following state of Arizona legislature affecting Tribes and Tribal members for the month of April. This list includes legislation that was newly introduced or had other activity between March 28, 2022, and April 22, 2022.

Bills Considered by the State of Arizona 55th Legislature, Second Session:

1. [HB2532](#) - **“An Act Amending Sections 28-2351 And 28-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 28, Chapter 7, Article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 28-2470.10; Amending Sections 28-6501, 28-6991 and 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to Special Plates.”** Sponsored by Rep. Jasmine Blackwater–Nygren (D-7).
 - This act would amend Sec. 3. Title 28, chapter 7, article 12 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 28-2470.10 “Tribally accredited institution of higher education special plates; fund.”
 - Passed Senate Majority Caucus on March 28, 2022.
2. [SB1710](#) - **“An Act Amending Title 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Chapter 12; Appropriating Monies; Relating to Amusements And Sports.”** Sponsored by Sen. David Gowan (R-14)
 - This act would amend Section 1, Title 5 of the Arizona Revised Statutes by adding chapter 12.
 - Chapter 12 includes a provision that would require the board of directors of the Southern Arizona Sports, Tourism and Film Authority to include three members representing Indian tribes who reside within the boundaries of the authority.
 - The Governor shall appoint one member, the President of the Senate shall appoint one member and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member.
 - Passed House APPROP on March 28, 2022.
3. [SB1324](#) - **“An Act Amending Section 36-2856, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to the Adult Use Of Marijuana.”** Sponsored by Sen. Thomas Shope (R-8).
 - This act would amend section 36-2856 of the Arizona Revised Statutes to include that 31.4 percent of the Smart and Safe Arizona fund would go to, among others, Indian reservation police agencies And Indian reservation firefighting agencies.
 - Passed House Minority Caucus on March, 29, 2022.
4. [SB1327](#) - **“An Act Requiring the Department of Education to Establish an Alternative Assessment Advisory Committee.”** Sponsored by Sen. Nancy Barto (R-16).
 - This act would require The department of education to establish an alternative assessment advisory committee consisting of the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee and at least the following members who are appointed by the department in coordination with the state board of education.

- Members would include a Tribal community representative.
 - Passed House Minority Caucus on March 29, 2022.
5. [HB2647](#) - **“An Act Amending Section 8-455, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to the Department Of Child Safety.” Sponsored by Rep. Joanne Osborne (R-13).**
- This act would amend section 1. section 8-455, Arizona revised statutes to add that a DCS report pursuant to subsection D of this section regarding an Indian child who resides or is domiciled on an Indian reservation may be transferred to the reservation's tribal social services agency.
 - Retained by Senate Committee on the Whole action on April 6, 2022.
6. [HB2841](#) - **“An Act Appropriating Monies.” Sponsored by Rep. Regina Cobb (R-5) with permission of Committee on Rules.**
- This act, subject to applicable laws, would dictate the sums or sources of revenue appropriated for the fiscal years 2022-23.
 - Tribal-centered funding would include:
 - \$4.7B in Tribal Pass-Through Funding
 - \$325K for the Tribal College Dual Enrollment Program
 - \$2.1B for the Tribal-State Compact Fund
 - \$63.5K for the Governor’s Office on Tribal Relations
 - Failed to pass House APPROP on April 20, 2022