

June 2022 State Policy Update

This month, AIPi tracked the following state of Arizona legislature affecting Tribes and Tribal members for the month of June. This list includes legislation that was newly introduced or had other activity between May 20, 2022 and June 24, 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 bill would amend Sec. 3. Title 28, chapter 7, article 12, of Arizona Revised Statutes by adding section 28-2470.10, to include that the department shall issue Tribally accredited institution of higher education special place if, by December 31, 2022, a person pays \$32,000 to the appropriate department.
 - Amendments also include new fee information.
 - Related bills: [SB1660](#), [SB1064](#).
 - Signed into law by Governor on May 20, 2022.

2. **[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 bill would amend 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.
 - Signed into law by Governor on June 6, 2022.

3. **[SB1733](#)** - “An Act Amending Section 15-185, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Sections 15-217, 15-217.01, 15-217.02 and 15-217.03; Amending Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Section 15-249.17; Amending Section 15-393, Arizona Revised Statutes, as Amended by Laws 2022, Chapter 136, Section 1; Amending Sections 15-901, 15-910, 15-913.01, 15-943 And 15-945, Arizona Revised Statutes; Repealing Section 15-952, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Sections 15-953, 15-961 And 15-971, Arizona Revised Statutes; Repealing Section 15-994, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Sections 15-1371 and 15-1372, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 15, Chapter 19, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Section 15-2405; Amending Section 37-521, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Section 41-1276, Arizona Revised Statutes, as Amended By Laws 2022, Chapter 171, Section 1; Amending Sections 41-5731 And 42-17051, Arizona Revised Statutes; Appropriating Monies; Relating to Kindergarten through Grade Twelve.” Sponsored By Sen. Karen Fann (R-1).

- This bill would amend sec. 3. Title 15, Chapter 2, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 15-249.17, the Code Writers Initiative Program.
- The Code Writers Initiative Program is established within the department of education to provide grants on a competitive basis.
- The Indian Education Advisory Council in the Department of Education shall evaluate grant applications and make award recommendations to the department.
- Grantees in the Code Writers Initiative Program shall:
 - Introduce a computer code writing curriculum for students in grades nine through twelve.
 - Deliver a technology-focused education to Native American students that will prepare the students for the global economy. The instruction may be offered through after-school programming.
 - Instruct Native American students in computer code writing and work with industry partners to develop internships and programs that will be made available to students who complete the program curriculum.
 - Instruct teachers and administrators in a technology-focused curriculum.
 - Develop assessment metrics to measure progress to be used to determine the initiative's effectiveness.
 - Install audiovisual distance learning equipment at key delivery points to maximize the number of program participants.
 - Determine the impacts from the initiative's curriculum and teacher instruction on students' standardized test scores and graduation rates.
 - On or before September 1 of each year, submit an annual report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Indian Education Advisory Council and the Department of Education containing detailed information relating to the requirements of this subsection for the most recent school year.
- Related bill: [HB2866](#).
- Assigned to Senate RULES on June 20, 2022.

4. [SB1729](#) - “An Act Amending Laws 2021, Chapter 408, Section 117; Appropriating Monies.” Sponsored By Sen. Karen Fann (R-1).

- This bill would amend Section 1. Laws 2021, Chapter 408, to include:
 - Sec. 114. Appropriation; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Office of Indian Education; Exemption; Fiscal Year 2022-2023
 - The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for a onetime distribution to the office of Indian education established in section 15-244, Arizona Revised Statutes.
 - Sec. 117. Appropriation; Department of Veterans' Services; Tribal Ceremonies; Exemption; Fiscal Year 2022-2023

- The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the department of veterans' services to distribute to Indian Tribes located in this state to conduct tribal ceremonies for tribal members who are discharged from the military, including those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.
 - Senate Committee of the Whole action: Do Pass Amended on June 23, 2022.
5. **[HB2771](#) - “An act Amending Sections 16-101 And 16-112, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 1, Article 1.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by Adding Sections 16-113 And 16-114; Amending Sections 16-120 And 16-121.01, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 1, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, By Adding Section 16-123; Amending Sections 16-152, 16-166 And 16-182, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-406.01; Amending Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-414; Amending Sections 16-542, 16-547, 16-548 And 16-550, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 10, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-602.01; Amending Sections 16-901, 16-912, 16-914, 16-917, 16-941, 16-945 And 16-951, Arizona Revised Statutes; Amending Title 16, Chapter 6, Article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 16-951.01; Amending Sections 16-953, 16-954, 16-956 and 16-961, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating to Elections and Electors.” Sponsored by Rep. Athena Salman (D-26).**
- This bill would be amended to include the following:
 - Any source agency shall accept Tribal identification numbers and nontraditional residential addresses, including addresses that can be identified by mile markers or geographic or other identifying features. Any source agency shall attain the capability of collecting and transmitting this information within three months after being designated.
 - Introduced in House and read first time on June 23, 2022.
6. **[HB2661](#) - “An Act amending Section 5-572, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending Title 45, Chapter 1, Article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Section 45-119; Amending Title 45, Chapter 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding Article 13; Relating to Waters.” Sponsored by Rep. Regina Cobb (R-5).**
- This bill would amend section 5-572, Arizona revised statutes; amending title 45, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona revised statutes, to require that a rural management area that is formed pursuant to this chapter shall be administered by a council consisting of members who have been residents of the county in which the rural management area is located. If the boundaries of the rural management area include any portion of a federal Indian reservation or if any federally recognized Indian tribe owns land or

water resources within the rural management area, one representative of the governing body will be a member of that Indian tribe.

- Related bill: [HB2510](#).
- Introduced in House and read first time on June 23, 2022.

7. **[HCR2023](#) - “A Concurrent Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the United States Government to Protect and Restore Tribal homelands.” Sponsored By Rep. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren (D-7).**

- This resolution would affirm that the Members of the Legislature support initiatives led by the United States Department of the Interior to restore tribal homelands and to empower tribal governments to better manage Indian lands.
- Introduced in House and read first time on June 23, 2022.

8. **[SCM1004](#) - “A Concurrent Memorial Urging the United States Department of the Interior to Investigate Former and Current Indian Boarding Schools in Arizona.” Sponsored By Sen. Victoria Steele (D-9).**

- This concurrent memorial would urge that:
 - The United States Department of the Interior investigate all fifty-one former and current Indian boarding schools located in Arizona.
 - The United States Department of the Interior uses or designates the use of, ground-penetrating radar to look for unmarked graves and return any discovered remains to their families or tribes, as requested, for appropriate repatriation and burial.
 - The Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.
 - Introduced in Senate and read first time on June 23, 2022.

9. **[SB1729](#) - “An Act Amending Laws 2021, Chapter 408, Section 117; Appropriating Monies.” Sponsored By Sen. Karen Fann (R-1).**

- This bill would set the budget for Arizona’s fiscal year of 2022-2023.
- Section 114. includes information for Appropriation; superintendent of public instruction; office of Indian education; exemption; fiscal year 2022-2023.
 - The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for a onetime distribution to the office of Indian education established in section 15-244, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- Section 117 includes information on Appropriation; department of veterans' services; tribal ceremonies; exemption; fiscal year 2022-2023.
 - The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the department of veterans' services to distribute to Indian tribes located in this state to conduct tribal ceremonies for tribal members who are discharged from the military, including those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Related bill: [HB2862](#).

- Senate Committee of the Whole action: Do Pass Amended on June 23, 2022
10. **[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).**
- Chapter 12 concerns the organization of the Southern Arizona Sports, Tourism and Film Authority.
 - The authority is governed by a board consisting of members who must reside within the boundaries of the authority.
 - The board must have 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.
 - Transmitted to Governor on June 24, 2022.
11. **[SCM1002](#) - “A Concurrent Memorial Urging the United States Congress to Implement Steps to Forward Fund the Higher Education Grant Program of the Bureau of Indian Education.” Sponsored by Sen. Victoria Steele (D-9).**
- This concurrent memorial would urge that:
 - The Members of the United States Congress take affirmative steps to forward fund the Higher Education Grant Program of the Bureau of Indian Education.
 - The Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.
 - Transmitted to Secretary of State on June 24, 2022.