



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1396

appropriation; Diné college multipurpose center

Purpose

Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) in FY 2024 to the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (GOTR) to distribute to Diné College for a multipurpose center in Window Rock.

Background

Established in 1968 by the Navajo Nation, Diné College was the first tribally-controlled and accredited collegiate institution in the United States. Diné College is governed by an eight-member Board of Regents appointed by the Navajo Nation President and offers certificates, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees ([Diné College](#)). Diné College has six locations across Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, one of which is in Window Rock, Arizona ([Window Rock Center](#)).

The GOTR assists state agencies in implementing tribal consultation and outreach activities, including evaluating, consolidating and coordinating activities relating to the education of American Indian students. The GOTR initiates or assists programs on tribal land only upon the request or approval of the tribal nation ([A.R.S. § 41-2051](#); [GOTR](#)).

S.B. 1396 appropriates \$10,000,000 from the state GF in FY 2024 to the GOTR.

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2024 to the GOTR to distribute to Diné College for a multipurpose center in Window Rock.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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