

House BILL NO. 329

INTRODUCED BY

George Henry Runner, Secretary, ~~Weldon GAGE~~ ~~Wagoner~~ ~~McCluskey~~ ~~Harold Beck~~ ~~Amery~~

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A STUDENT FROM A TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE INTERN PROGRAM; REQUIRING TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO BE NOTIFIED; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 5-6-102 AND 5-6-106, MCA."

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