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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; appropriating money to Independent School District
1.3 No. 777, Benson, for American Indian mascot removal and replacement costs.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 777,**
1.6 **BENSON; AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT**
1.7 **COSTS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sum indicated in this section is
1.9 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal year
1.10 designated.

1.11 Subd. 2. Independent School District No. 777; American Indian mascot removal
1.12 and replacement costs. (a) To Independent School District No. 777, Benson, for American
1.13 Indian mascot removal and replacement costs to comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
1.14 121A.041:

1.15 \$ 1,170,000 2025

1.16 (b) The commissioner must reimburse the school district for the costs of removing and
1.17 replacing an American Indian mascot on school facilities and equipment, including stationary,
1.18 staff identification cards and lanyards, athletic uniforms, clocks, school signage, tribute
1.19 markers, chairs, tables, entryway flooring, gymnasium flooring, athletic field artificial turf,
1.20 and gymnasium wall mats. To be eligible for reimbursement, an expense must have been
1.21 incurred by the school district on or after June 1, 2023.

1.22 (c) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026. This is a onetime appropriation.