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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Education Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; amending exemption requirements for American Indian
1.3 mascots; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.041, subdivision 3.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.041, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. **Exemption.** A public school ~~may seek an exemption to subdivision 2 by~~
1.7 ~~submitting a request in writing to all 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota~~
1.8 ~~and to the Tribal Nations Education Committee by September 1, 2023. The exemption is~~
1.9 ~~denied if any of the 11 Tribal Nations or the Tribal Nations Education Committee oppose~~
1.10 ~~the exemption by December 15, 2023. A public school whose request for an exemption is~~
1.11 ~~denied must comply with subdivision 2 by September 1, 2026~~ is exempt from the prohibition
1.12 in subdivision 2 if an American Indian Tribe located in the same county as the public school
1.13 does not object to the use of an American Indian mascot. If an American Indian Tribe does
1.14 not exist in the same county as the public school, the public school is exempt from the
1.15 prohibition in subdivision 2.