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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 73—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

PREFILED JANUARY 30, 2023

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Provides right of public school pupils to wear certain  
adornments at school graduation ceremonies.  
(BDR 34-440)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to education; establishing the right of public  
school pupils to wear traditional tribal regalia or  
recognized objects of religious or cultural significance at  
school graduation ceremonies; and providing other  
matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, each pupil of a public school is entitled to express himself  
2 or herself in a manner consistent with the rights guaranteed by the First and  
3 Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. Any such expression by  
4 pupils must not be disruptive to instruction or used to engage in discrimination  
5 based on race or bullying and must not be organized, broadcast or endorsed by  
6 a public school. (NRS 388.077) This bill establishes that the pupils of a public school  
7 are entitled to wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious or  
8 cultural significance at school graduation ceremonies. This bill provides that the  
9 board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or the  
10 governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils may nonetheless  
11 prohibit an item that is likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material  
12 interference with, such a ceremony.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3       1. *A pupil of a public school, including, without limitation, a*  
4 *pupil of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils, is entitled*  
5 *to wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious*  
6 *or cultural significance as an adornment at a school graduation*  
7 *ceremony.*

8       2. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the*  
9 *board of trustees of a school district, the governing body of a*  
10 *charter school or the governing body of a university school for*  
11 *profoundly gifted pupils from prohibiting an item that is likely to*  
12 *cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with,*  
13 *such a ceremony.*

14       3. *As used in this section:*

15       (a) *“Adornment” means something attached to, or worn with,*  
16 *but not replacing, the cap and gown customarily worn at school*  
17 *graduation ceremonies.*

18       (b) *“Cultural” means recognized practices and traditions of a*  
19 *certain group of people.*

20       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

