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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to education; amending exemption requirements for American Indian
- 1.3mascots; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.041, subdivision 3.
- 1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.041, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.6Subd. 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
- 1.12in subdivision 2 if an American Indian Tribe located in the same county as the public school
- 1.13does not object to the use of an American Indian mascot. If an American Indian Tribe does
- 1.14not exist in the same county as the public school, the public school is exempt from the
- 1.15prohibition in subdivision 2.