

1.1 **Senator Cwodzinski from the Committee on Education Policy, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 619:** A bill for an act relating to education; strengthening the Teachers of Color
 1.3 Act; increasing the percentage of teachers of color and American Indian teachers in
 1.4 Minnesota; amending the world's best workforce requirements; requiring reports;
 1.5 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 120B.11, subdivisions
 1.6 1, 2, 3; 121A.031, subdivision 6; 122A.183, subdivision 1; 122A.184, subdivision 1;
 1.7 122A.185, subdivision 1; 122A.40, subdivisions 3, 5; 122A.41, subdivision 2, by adding a
 1.8 subdivision; 122A.59; 122A.635; 122A.70; 122A.73, subdivisions 2, 3; 123B.147,
 1.9 subdivision 3; 124D.861, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
 1.10 chapters 120B; 121A; 124D.

1.11 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.12 Page 8, delete section 8 and insert:

1.13 "Section 8. **[121A.041] AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS PROHIBITED.**

1.14 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
 1.15 the meanings given.

1.16 (b) "American Indian" means an individual who is:

1.17 (1) a member of an Indian Tribe or band, as membership is defined by the Tribe or band,
 1.18 including:

1.19 (i) any Tribe or band terminated since 1940; and

1.20 (ii) any Tribe or band recognized by the state in which the Tribe or band resides;

1.21 (2) a descendant, in the first or second degree, of an individual described in clause (1);

1.22 (3) considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose;

1.23 (4) an Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native; or

1.24 (5) a member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian
 1.25 Education Act of 1988 as in effect the day preceding October 20, 1994.

1.26 (c) "District" means a district under section 120A.05, subdivision 8.

1.27 (d) "Mascot" means any human, nonhuman animal, or object used to represent a school
 1.28 and its population.

1.29 (e) "Public school" or "school" means a public school under section 120A.05, subdivisions
 1.30 9, 11, 13, and 17, and a charter school under chapter 124E.

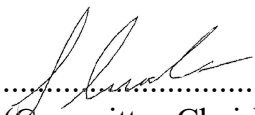
1.31 Subd. 2. **Prohibition.** (a) A public school may not have or adopt a name, symbol, or
 1.32 image that depicts or refers to an American Indian Tribe, individual, custom, or tradition

2.1 to be used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name of the district or school
2.2 within the district.

2.3 (b) A public school may seek an exemption to paragraph (a) by submitting a request in
2.4 writing to all eleven federally recognized tribal nations in Minnesota and the Tribal Nations
2.5 Education Committee. If any of the eleven Tribal nations or the Tribal Nations Education
2.6 Committee opposes the exemption, the exemption is denied. A public school whose
2.7 exemption is denied must comply with paragraph (a) by September 1 of the following
2.8 calendar year in which the exemption request was made.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective June 30, 2024."

2.10 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Education
2.11 Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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2.13 (Committee Chair)

2.14 February 1, 2023.....
2.15 (Date of Committee recommendation)