

S.F. No. 1905– American Indian Education

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Section 1. [13.32] Private data; when disclosure is permitted. Allows private educational data to be disclosed to Tribal Nations about Tribally enrolled or descendant students to support the educational attainment of the student.

Section 2. [120B.021] Standards development. Adds representatives from the Tribal Nations Education Committee and Minnesota’s Tribal Nations and communities to the stakeholders the commissioner must consult with during statewide academic standards development.

Section 3. [120B.021] Revisions and reviews required. Directs the commissioner to embed Indigenous education for all students consistent with recommendations from Minnesota’s Tribal Nations and urban Indigenous communities into the state’s academic standards.

Section 4. [120B.021] Indigenous education for all students. Directs the commissioner to provide resources to support implementation of Indigenous education for all students, provide historically accurate resources, and conduct a needs assessment to inform the development of future resources for Indigenous education for all students.

Section 5. [121A.041] American Indian Mascots Prohibited.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** Defines “American Indian” as an individual who is:

- (1) a member of an Indian Tribe or band as defined by the Tribe or band; including
 - i. any Tribe or band terminated since 1940; and
 - ii. any Tribe or band recognized by the state in which the Tribe or band resides;
- (2) a first or second degree descendant of an individual described in clause (1);
- (3) considered by the United States Secretary of the Interior to be an American Indian for any purpose;
- (4) an Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaskan Native; or
- (5) a member of an organized federal American Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988.

Defines “district” as a school district. Defines “mascot” as any human, nonhuman animal, or object used to represent a school and its population. Defines “public school” or “school” as a public elementary, middle, high school or vocational center school or a charter school.

Subd. 2. **Prohibition on American Indian mascots.** (a) Prohibits a public school from adopting a name, symbol, or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian Tribe, individual, custom, or tradition to be used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name of the district or school within the district. (b) Provides a process for a public school to seek an exemption to this prohibition.

Section 6. [122A.187] American Indian history and culture. Requires PELSB to adopt rules requiring all teachers renewing their licenses to complete professional development in the cultural heritage and contemporary contributions of American Indians.

Section 7. [122A.63] Minnesota Indian teacher training program account. Establishes a Minnesota Indian teacher training program account in the special revenue fund for American Indian teacher grants. Allows grant recipients to use grant money for up to 60 months. Annually appropriates \$75,000 to the commissioner for administrative costs.

Section 8. [124D.095] Definitions. Modifies the definition of “student” for the online learning option to include a student enrolled in a Tribal contract school.

Section 9. [124D.095] Financial arrangements. Includes a student enrolled in a Tribal contract school in the determination of average daily membership under the online learning options act.

Section 10. [124D.73] American Indian student. Defines “American Indian student” as a student who identifies as American Indian or Alaska Native.

Section 11. [124D.74] Program described. Limits American Indian education programs to programs to support American Indian students.

Section 12. [124D.74] Enrollment of other children; shared time enrollment. Limits participation of children enrolled in nonpublic schools who enroll on a shared time basis in American Indian education programs to American Indian children.

Section 13. [124D.74] Location of programs. Modifies where American Indian education programs must be located to include school districts, charter schools, and Tribal contract schools that offer virtual learning environments.

Section 14. [124D.74] American Indian culture and language classes. Requires districts or participating schools to conduct American Indian education programs if they meet certain thresholds for the number or percent of students that are American Indian.

Section 15. [124D.76] American Indian education program coordinators. Requires dedicated American Indian education program coordinators and strikes community coordinators and home/school liaisons.

Section 16. [124D.78] Parent and community participation. Modifies requirements relating to American Indian education parent advisory committees. Requires the prior year state count of American Indian students to be used for the purposes of the American Indian Education Act.

Section 17 [124D.79] Technical assistance. Requires the commissioner to provide technical assistance to districts, schools, and postsecondary institutions for preservice and in-service training for teachers on the annual report of American Indian student data using the state count.

Section 18. [124D.791] Duties; powers. Modifies the duties of the American Indian education director.

Section 19. [124D.792] Graduation ceremonies; Tribal regalia and objects of cultural significance. Prohibits a district or charter school from prohibiting an American Indian student from wearing American Indian regalia, Tribal regalia, or objects of cultural significance at a graduation ceremony.

Section 20. [124D.81] American Indian education aid. Adds cooperative units to the list of entities eligible for American Indian education aid. Modifies the American Indian education aid formula. Requires the state count to be used to determine the aid.

Section 21. [126C.05] Online learning students. Includes students enrolled in Tribal contract schools when determining average daily membership under the online learning options act.

Section 22. [144.4165] Tobacco products prohibited in public schools. Allows an American Indian student to carry a medicine pouch containing loose tobacco intended as observance of traditional spiritual or cultural practices.

Section 23. Appropriations. Appropriates money for American Indian education aid, Native language revitalization grants to schools, and Minnesota Indian teacher training program grants.