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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1237

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1237, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
6 10-20.88 and 34-18.88 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 new)

8 Sec. 10-20.88. Native name, logo, or mascot.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "native name, logo, or
10 mascot" means the following:

11 (1) a team name, including:

12 (A) the name of a federally recognized tribe;

13 (B) a historical Native American person or tribal
14 group; or

15 (C) Redskins, Braves, Chiefs, Chieftains, Tribe,
16 Indians, or any synonymous term; or

1 (2) a logo or mascot depicting the following:

2 (A) Native Americans;

3 (B) a feathered headdress;

4 (C) a tomahawk;

5 (D) an arrowhead; or

6 (E) a spear, arrow, or other weapon if in
7 combination with a feather or feathers.

8 (b) A school board shall prohibit a school from using a
9 native name, logo, or mascot, except as provided in
10 subsections (c) and (e).

11 (c) A school may continue to use uniforms or other
12 materials bearing a native name, logo, or mascot that were
13 purchased on or before the effective date of this amendatory
14 Act of the 104th General Assembly until September 1, 2030 if
15 the school selects or sets forth a reasonable timeline for the
16 selection of a new school or athletic team name, logo, or
17 mascot that does not violate the prohibition under subsection
18 (b) through formal school board action no later than July 1,
19 2026. Except as provided in subsection (e), the school may not
20 purchase, acquire, or use resources for uniforms or other
21 materials that include or bear the prohibited school or
22 athletic team name, logo, or mascot after the effective date
23 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

24 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), if a school
25 facility, marquee, sign, or other permanent school structure
26 bears the prohibited school or athletic team name, logo, or

1 mascot, the school shall remove the prohibited name, logo, or
2 mascot no later than the next time that part of the school
3 facility, marquee, sign, or other permanent school structure
4 where the name, logo, or mascot is located is remodeled or
5 replaced in the normal course of maintenance. The school may
6 not purchase or construct a school facility, marquee, sign,
7 permanent school structure or other new or replacement fixture
8 that includes or bears the prohibited school or athletic team
9 name, logo, or mascot after the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

11 (e) For any school whose team name is the name of a
12 federally recognized tribe or historical Native American
13 person, the school may continue to use its current team name
14 and an agreed upon logo and mascot on and after the effective
15 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly if
16 all of the following conditions are met:

17 (1) Written consent must be obtained from the elected
18 legislative body of the same federally recognized tribe as
19 the team name or the federally recognized tribe from which
20 the historical Native American person was a member,
21 indicating support for the name, logo, and mascot.

22 (2) The written consent shall include a description of
23 the partnership with the federally recognized tribe to
24 provide deep, meaningful, and substantive learning
25 opportunities, as well as school policies that ensure
26 blatant, stereotypical, Native American names, slurs,

1 imagery, or caricatures or fake Native American behaviors
2 are not allowed in learning environments.

3 (3) The school may not offer or accept any money,
4 consideration, or thing of value in exchange for the
5 written consent. Nothing in this paragraph (3) prohibits a
6 school district from reimbursing a member of a federally
7 recognized tribe for the reasonable costs of travel
8 expenses incurred for the purpose of providing meaningful
9 educational programming or learning opportunities for the
10 school district.

11 (4) The written consent must be renewed every 5 years.
12 The federally recognized tribe shall have the right and
13 ability to revoke the written consent at any time at its
14 discretion. If either party wishes to terminate the
15 consent, the school shall select a new school or athletic
16 team name, logo, or mascot that does not violate the
17 prohibition under subsection (b) through formal school
18 board action no later than one year from the date of
19 termination and shall discontinue its use of the native
20 name, logo, or mascot no later than 3 years from the date
21 of termination. If a school facility, marquee, sign, or
22 other permanent school structure bears the prohibited
23 school or athletic team name, logo, or mascot, the school
24 shall remove the prohibited name, logo, or mascot no later
25 than the next time that part of the school facility,
26 marquee, sign, or other permanent school structure where

1 the name, logo, or mascot is located is remodeled or
2 replaced in the normal course of maintenance. The school
3 may not purchase or construct a school facility, marquee,
4 sign, permanent school structure, or other new or
5 replacement fixture that includes or bears the prohibited
6 school or athletic team name, logo, or mascot after the
7 date of termination.

8 (f) Nothing in this Section may be interpreted to prohibit
9 the use of native names as the name of a county, municipality,
10 school district, or school.

11 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.88 new)

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7 materials bearing a native name, logo, or mascot that were
8 purchased on or before the effective date of this amendatory
9 Act of the 104th General Assembly until September 1, 2030 if
10 the school selects or sets forth a reasonable timeline for the
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12 mascot that does not violate the prohibition under subsection
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17 athletic team name, logo, or mascot after the effective date
18 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

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5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
6 2026.".