

Subject American Indian education

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## Overview

This bill modifies the process for developing state academic standards to embed Indigenous education for all students; prohibits American Indian mascots; modifies the American Indian Education Act, including American Indian education aid; requires districts to allow American Indian students to wear American Indian regalia at graduation ceremonies; modifies the American Indian teacher grants; and makes other changes.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Private data; when disclosure is permitted. [Educational data]</b> Allows private educational data to be disclosed to Tribal Nations about Tribally enrolled or descendant students.
2	<b>Standards development. [Required academic standards]</b> Adds representatives from the Tribal Nations Education Committee and Minnesota's Tribal Nations and communities to the list of stakeholders the commissioner must consult when developing statewide academic standards.
3	<b>Revisions and reviews required. [Required academic standards]</b> Requires 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.
4	<b>Indigenous education for all students. [Required academic standards]</b> Requires the commissioner to provide resources to support implementation of Indigenous education for all students and conduct a needs assessment to inform the development of future resources for Indigenous education for all students.

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5	<b>American Indian mascots prohibited.</b> Prohibits a public school from having an American Indian mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name. Allows a public school to seek an exemption from the 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota and the Tribal Nations Education Committee.
6	<b>American Indian history and culture. [Expiration and renewal]</b> Requires PELSB to adopt rules requiring teachers with licenses in all tiers to complete professional development in the cultural heritage and contemporary contributions of American Indians when renewing their licenses.
7	<b>Minnesota Indian teacher training program account. [Grants to prepare Indian teachers]</b> Establishes a Minnesota Indian teacher training program account in the special revenue fund for American Indian teacher grants. Allows recipients to use grants for up to 60 months. Appropriates up to \$75,000 annually to the commissioner to administer and monitor the program.
8	<b>Definitions. [Online learning option]</b> Modifies the definition of “student” to include a student enrolled in a Tribal contract school.
9	<b>Financial arrangements. [Online learning option]</b> Includes a student enrolled in a Tribal contract school in determination of average daily membership under the online learning options act.
10	<b>American Indian student. [Definitions]</b> Defines “American Indian student.”
11	<b>Program described. [American Indian education programs]</b> Limits American Indian education programs to programs to support American Indian students.
12	<b>Enrollment of other children; shared time enrollment. [American Indian education programs]</b> Limits participation of children enrolled in nonpublic schools who enroll on a shared time basis in American Indian education programs to American Indian children.
13	<b>Location of programs. [American Indian education programs]</b> Modifies where American Indian education programs must be located.

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14	<p><b>American Indian culture and language classes. [American Indian education programs]</b></p> <p>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.</p>
15	<p><b>American Indian education program coordinators, paraprofessionals.</b></p> <p>Requires dedicated American Indian education program coordinators and strikes references to community coordinator and home/school liaisons.</p>
16	<p><b>Parent and community participation.</b></p> <p>Modifies requirements relating to American Indian parent advisory committee. Requires the state count of American Indian students to be used for purposes of the American Indian Education Act.</p>
17	<p><b>Technical assistance. [Community and commissioner participation in American Indian education]</b></p> <p>Requires the commissioner to provide technical assistance to districts, schools, and postsecondary institutions on the annual report of American Indian student data using the state count.</p>
18	<p><b>Duties; powers. [Indian education director]</b></p> <p>Modifies the duties of the American Indian education director.</p>
19	<p><b>Graduation ceremonies; Tribal regalia and objects of cultural significance.</b></p> <p>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.</p>
20	<p><b>American Indian education aid.</b></p> <p>Adds cooperative units to 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.</p>
21	<p><b>Online learning students. [Definition of pupil units]</b></p> <p>Includes students enrolled in Tribal contract schools when determining average daily membership under the online learning act.</p>
22	<p><b>Tobacco products prohibited in public schools.</b></p> <p>Allows an American Indian student to carry a medicine pouch containing loose tobacco intended as observance of traditional spiritual or cultural practices.</p>

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23	<b>Appropriations.</b> Appropriates money for American Indian education aid, Native language revitalization grants, and Minnesota Indian teacher training program grants.



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