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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to education; amending exemption requirements for American Indian

1.3mascots; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 121A.041,

1.4subdivision 3.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 121A.041, subdivision 3, is

1.7amended to read:

1.8Subd. 3. **Exemption.** A public school ~~may seek an exemption to subdivision 2 by~~

1.9~~submitting a request in writing to all 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations in Minnesota~~

1.10~~and to the Tribal Nations Education Committee by September 1, 2023. The exemption is~~

1.11~~denied if any of the 11 Tribal Nations or the Tribal Nations Education Committee oppose~~

1.12~~the exemption by December 15, 2023. A public school whose request for an exemption is~~

1.13~~denied must comply with subdivision 2 by September 1, 2025~~ is exempt from the prohibition

1.14in subdivision 2 if an American Indian Tribe located in the same county as the public school

1.15does not object to the use of an American Indian mascot. If an American Indian Tribe does

1.16not exist in the same county as the public school, the public school is exempt from the

1.17prohibition in subdivision 2.