

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

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HOUSE DRH80113-LE-76A (03/03)

Short Title: Study of American Indian Mascots at Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Graham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STUDY THE USE OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS AT PUBLIC
3 SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is created the Legislative Study Committee on the Use of
6 American Indian Mascots at Public Schools. The Committee shall consist of 12 members
7 appointed as follows:

- 8 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker
9 of the House of Representatives.
- 10 (2) Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
11 the Senate.
- 12 (3) The chair of the State Board of Education or a designee.
- 13 (4) Two members of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs
14 appointed by the chair of the Commission.
- 15 (5) Two tribal members appointed by the North Carolina Commission of Indian
16 Affairs.
- 17 (6) The chief executive officer of the North Carolina Indian Economic
18 Development Initiative, Inc.

19 **SECTION 2.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
20 Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a cochair. The Committee may meet at any time
21 upon the joint call of the cochairs. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its
22 members.

23 Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the same appointing authority that
24 made the initial appointment.

25 Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Committee may
26 meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

27 The Legislative Services Commission, through the Legislative Services Officer,
28 shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of
29 Representatives' and the Senate's Director of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical support
30 staff to the Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the
31 Committee.

32 In addition, the Department of Public Instruction shall cooperate in providing
33 information and additional staff resources as needed to accomplish the work of the Committee.



1 The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers
2 provided for under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may
3 contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

4 Members of the Committee shall receive subsistence and travel expenses at the rates
5 set forth in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Committee shall study the impact of American Indian sports
7 mascots and logos at the public schools and review current policies and procedures on their use.

8 **SECTION 4.** The Committee shall report to the 2011 General Assembly, Regular
9 Session 2012, on or before May 1, 2012. The report shall include the Committee's findings and
10 recommendations under this study, including any legislative or administrative proposals. The
11 Committee shall terminate upon the earlier of the filing of its final report or May 1, 2012.

12 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.