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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Native American mascots in schools.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.32 Prohibition of Native
2 American mascots.

3 1. On or after January 1, 2024, a public or nonpublic school
4 shall not have or adopt a name, symbol, or image that depicts
5 or refers to a Native American tribe, individual, custom, or
6 tradition to be used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead,
7 or team name of the school.

8 2. This section shall not apply to a school under the
9 control of a Native American tribe and under the purview of the
10 bureau of Indian education.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to Native American mascots in schools.

15 The bill prohibits a public or nonpublic school from having
16 or adopting a name, symbol, or image that depicts or refers to
17 a Native American tribe, individual, custom, or tradition to be
18 used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name of
19 the school on or after January 1, 2024. This prohibition does
20 not apply to a school under the control of a Native American
21 tribe and under the purview of the bureau of Indian education.