

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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NATIVE AMERICAN NAMES, SYMBOLS, OR IMAGES—PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1356** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

1 names in school sports is a barrier to equality and understanding,
2 and that all residents of the United States would benefit from the
3 discontinuance of their use.

4 (4) The legislature therefore, recognizing that no school has a
5 cognizable interest in retaining a racially derogatory or
6 discriminatory school mascot, logo, or team name, intends to prohibit
7 the inappropriate use of Native American names, symbols, or images
8 for those purposes.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) Except as provided otherwise by this section, beginning
12 January 1, 2022, public schools may not use Native American names,
13 symbols, or images as school mascots, logos, or team names.

14 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to public
15 schools located within, or with enrollment boundaries that include a
16 portion of, "Indian country," as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151, or
17 public schools in a county that contains all or part of a tribal
18 reservation or tribal trust lands, if the tribe or tribes having
19 regulatory jurisdiction over the territory within that boundary have:

20 (a) Been consulted by the appropriate school, district, or both.
21 Consultations under this subsection (2)(a) must include summaries of
22 completed and ongoing district and school actions required by RCW
23 28A.320.170; and

24 (b) Authorized the use of the name, symbol, or image as a mascot,
25 logo, or team name through an appropriate enactment or resolution.

26 (3) A public school may use uniforms or other materials after
27 January 1, 2022, bearing Native American names, symbols, or images as
28 mascots, logos, or team names if the uniforms or materials were
29 purchased before January 1, 2022, and if:

30 (a) The school selects a new mascot, logo, or team name by
31 December 31, 2021, to take effect in the 2021-22 school year;

32 (b) Except as provided otherwise by this subsection (3)(b), the
33 school does not purchase or acquire any uniforms or materials that
34 include the discontinued Native American name, symbol, or image.
35 However, a school using the discontinued Native American name,
36 symbol, or image may, until January 1, 2023, purchase or acquire a
37 number of uniforms equal to up to twenty percent of the total number
38 of uniforms used by a team, band, or cheer squad at that school

1 during the 2021-22 school year solely to replace damaged or lost
2 uniforms;

3 (c) The school does not purchase, create, or acquire any
4 yearbook, newspaper, program, or other similar material that includes
5 or bears the discontinued Native American name, symbol, or image; and

6 (d) The school does not purchase, construct, or acquire a
7 marquee, sign, or other new or replacement fixture that includes or
8 bears the discontinued Native American name, symbol, or image.

9 (4) A public school that does not meet the geographic
10 requirements in subsection (2) of this section is exempt from
11 subsection (1) of this section if:

12 (a) The school is located in a county that is adjacent to a
13 county that contains all or part of a tribal reservation or tribal
14 trust lands; and

15 (b) The tribe that is consulted with and determines to authorize
16 the use of the name, symbol, or image as a school mascot, logo, or
17 team name as provided in subsection (2) of this section is the
18 nearest federally recognized Indian tribe.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 (1) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
22 create a grant program to provide transitional support grants to
23 school districts to support schools that incur costs as a result of
24 compliance with section 2 of this act.

25 (2) Costs eligible for use by grants provided under this section
26 are costs resulting from the replacement or redesign of items and
27 materials that display Native American names, symbols, or images,
28 including, but not limited to:

29 (a) Uniforms and equipment used by a team, band, cheer squad, or
30 other extracurricular activity;

31 (b) School signage, including reader boards and score boards;

32 (c) Floor designs in gymnasiums or other flooring or surfaces;

33 (d) School letterhead and other office supplies;

34 (e) School spirit store supplies and items; and

35 (f) School web pages.

36 (3) In administering grants under this section, the office of the
37 superintendent of public instruction is encouraged to incentivize
38 schools that use Native American names, symbols, or images as school

1 mascots, logos, or team names to select a new mascot, logo, or team
2 name by September 1, 2021.

3 (4) This section expires August 31, 2023.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of
5 section 3 of this act, referencing section 3 of this act by bill or
6 chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2021,
7 in the omnibus appropriations act, section 3 of this act is null and
8 void.

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