## Preliminary Draft - Not Ready For Introduction

AN ACT to create 118.335 of the statutes; relating to: pupils wearing traditional tribal regalia at a graduation ceremony or school-sponsored event.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill explicitly prohibits school boards and charter schools from prohibiting a pupil who is a member of, a descendent of a member of, or eligible to be enrolled in, a federally recognized, whether currently or in the past, American Indian tribe or band from wearing traditional tribal regalia at a graduation ceremony or school-sponsored event. For purposes of this prohibition, "tribal regalia" means the traditional dress or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance, including symbols, beads, and feathers, of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Joint Legislative Council prefatory note: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations.
Section 1. 118.335 of the statutes is created to read:
118.335 Tribal regalia at high school graduation ceremonies. (1) In this section:
(a) "Traditional tribal regalia" means a tribe's traditional dress or recognized objects of religious or cultural significance, including tribal symbols, beads, and feathers.
(b) "Tribe" means a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band or an American Indian tribe or band that was previously a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band.
(2) No school board or charter school may prohibit a pupil who is any of the following from wearing traditional tribal regalia at a graduation ceremony or school-sponsored event:
(a) A member of a tribe.
(b) A descendent of a member of a tribe.
(c) Eligible to be enrolled as a member of a tribe.
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