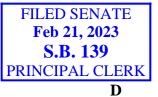
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023



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SENATE BILL DRS45061-NH-33C

Short Title:	American Indians Graduating with Honors Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Britt, McInnis, and Perry (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

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2	AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS
3	AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES.
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5	SECTION 1. The title of Article 29D of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes reads
6	as rewritten:
7	"Article 29D. Student Prayer and Religious Activity. Activity and Cultural Expression."
8	SECTION 2. Article 29D of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
9	adding a new section to read:
10	"§ 115C-407.40. Cultural expression at graduation ceremonies.
11	A student that is, or is eligible to be, enrolled as a member of a State or federally recognized
12	Indian tribe shall be allowed to wear objects of cultural significance as part of the student's regalia
13	at any graduation ceremony for a school within a public school unit in which the student is a
14	graduating participant. For purposes of this section, an object of cultural significance includes
15	bird feathers and plumes."
16	SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

