

1 **STUDENT TRIBAL REGALIA USE AMENDMENTS**

2 2022 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero**

5 Senate Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill permits qualifying students to wear tribal regalia during a high school
10 graduation ceremony.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ provides that:

14 • a student who is enrolled, or is eligible to be enrolled, as a member of a tribe
15 (qualifying student) may wear tribal regalia during a high school graduation
16 ceremony; and

17 • a local education agency may not prohibit a qualifying student from wearing
18 tribal regalia during a high school graduation ceremony; and

19 ▶ defines terms.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **53G-4-412**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **53G-4-412** is enacted to read:

- 30 **53G-4-412. Tribal regalia at high school graduation ceremonies.**
- 31 (1) As used in this section:
- 32 (a) "Graduation attire" means attire that an LEA requires a student to wear as part of
- 33 the dress code for a graduation ceremony.
- 34 (b) "Graduation ceremony" means a high school graduation ceremony.
- 35 (c) "Qualifying student" means a student who is:
- 36 (i) enrolled as a member of a tribe; or
- 37 (ii) eligible to be enrolled as a member of a tribe.
- 38 (d) (i) "Tribal regalia" means a tribe's:
- 39 (A) traditional dress; or
- 40 (B) recognized objects of religious or cultural significance.
- 41 (ii) "Tribal regalia" includes the following items of cultural significance:
- 42 (A) tribal symbols;
- 43 (B) beads; and
- 44 (C) feathers.
- 45 (e) "Tribe" means a tribe, band, nation, or Alaskan Native village that:
- 46 (i) federal law recognizes; or
- 47 (ii) a state formally acknowledges.
- 48 (2) (a) A qualifying student may wear tribal regalia during a graduation ceremony.
- 49 (b) Wearing tribal regalia includes decorating graduation attire with tribal regalia.
- 50 (3) An LEA may not prohibit a qualifying student from wearing tribal regalia as
- 51 described in Subsection (2).
- 52 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit an LEA's authority related to
- 53 student expression under applicable federal and state law.