

General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Proposed Bill No. 438



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by: SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist. SEN. KUSHNER, 24th Dist.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF NATIVE AMERICAN MASCOTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That titles 10 and 10a of the general statutes be amended to prohibit, 2 for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year 3 thereafter, a local or regional board of education, the Board of Regents 4 for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The University of 5 Connecticut from adopting or using any name, symbol or image that 6 depicts or refers to a Native American tribe, individual, custom or 7 tradition as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead or team name for any school under the jurisdiction of such boards. 8

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the use of Native American mascots in public schools.