

1 S.139

2 Introduced by Senator McCormack

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Education; public schools; team mascots

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a  
7 public school from having or adopting a name, symbol, or image that depicts  
8 or refers to a racial or ethnic group, individual, custom, or tradition and that is  
9 used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name of the school.

10 An act relating to public schools' team mascots

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 914 is added to read:

13 § 914. TEAM MASCOTS

14 A public school shall not have or adopt a name, symbol, or image that  
15 depicts or refers to a racial or ethnic group, individual, custom, or tradition and  
16 that is used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name of the  
17 school. A public school shall not retain a name, symbol, or image that  
18 previously depicted or referred to a racial or ethnic group, individual, custom,  
19 or tradition and that is used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team  
20 name of the school. Any public school not in compliance three years after

1 passage of this act shall be ineligible to compete in Vermont Principals'

2 Association-sanctioned events.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.