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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 944 / HP0699

An Act To Ban Native American Mascots in All Public Schools. Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Public Hearing 03/25/19. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 04/30/19. Amended by: CA H-122. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/16/19, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 123.

**Original Bill**

[LD 944 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 944 / PL 2019, c. 123](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf129-LD-0944.pdf)  
[Public Hearing \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 944\) \(EDU\) \(3/25/2019\)](#)  
[Work Session \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 944\) \(EDU\) \(4/1/2019\)](#)
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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-122\) \(LD 944 2019\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, February 21, 2019 \(H157-164\)](#)

- p. H-159

[SENATE, February 21, 2019 \(S184-192\)](#)

- p. S-190

[HOUSE, April 23, 2019 \(H390-413\)](#)

- p. H-402 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p409)) (Amendment(s) H-122)

[SENATE, April 25, 2019 \(S476-497\)](#)

- p. S-487 (Amendment(s) H-122)

[SENATE, April 30, 2019 \(S498-529\)](#)

- p. S-524 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p526)) (Amendment(s) H-122)

[HOUSE, May 2, 2019 \(H448-464\)](#)

- p. H-462 (Amendment(s) H-122)

[SENATE, May 7, 2019 \(S566-592\)](#)

- p. S-589 (Amendment(s) H-122)

## Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2019, c. 123](#)

## News Articles

- Bill would ban use of Indian mascots in Maine public schools (Eric Russell) (Portland Press Herald, 3/25/2019, p. A1, A3) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/PPH 190325A.pdf)
- Voices supporting bill to ban Native American nicknames, mascots outnumber opponents at Augusta hearing (Meg Robbins) (Morning Sentinel, 3/26/2019, p. A1, A3) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/Morning Sentinel 190326A.pdf)
- Maine tribal leaders urge lawmakers to ban Native American school mascots (Alex Acquisto) (Bangor Daily News, 3/27/2019, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/BDN 190327A.pdf)
- Legislation shouldn't be needed to end era of Native American mascots in Maine (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 3/28/2019, p. A6) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/BDN 190328C.pdf)
- Bill to ban Native American mascots at Maine schools narrowly clears legislative hurdle (Alex Acquisto) (Bangor Daily News, 4/2/2019, p. A1, A6) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/BDN 190402B.pdf)
- Bill banning Native American mascots in public schools passes in committee (Meg Robbins) (Morning Sentinel, 4/2/2019, p. A1, A3) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/Morning Sentinel 190402A.pdf)
- Maine moves closer to banning Native American school mascots (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 4/24/2019, p. A1, A2) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/BDN 190424B.pdf)
- Maine Senate passes bill to ban Native American school mascots (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 5/1/2019, p. v) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/PPH 190501E.pdf)
- Tribe welcomes bill renaming Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day (Jayna Smith) (Machias Valley News Observer, 5/8/2019, p. 2) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/Clip19346.pdf)
- Mills signs bill to make Maine the first state to ban Native American school mascots (Alex Acquisto) (Bangor Daily News, 5/17/2019, p. B1, B2) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/BDN 190517E.pdf)
- Bill prohibits Native American mascots (None) (Quoddy Tides, 5/24/2019, p. 27) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD09xx/nc129-LD-0944/Clip19519.pdf)

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