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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE USE OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS BY PUBLIC**  
102      **INSTITUTIONS OF EDUCATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill establishes the subcommittee for the consideration of the use of American Indian mascots by public schools (subcommittee) and requires the subcommittee to evaluate and approve or disapprove the use of American Indian mascots by public schools and public institutions of higher education (public schools) within the state. The subcommittee is repealed, effective September 1, 2025. Before such repeal, the department

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

of regulatory agencies shall review the subcommittee.

The bill requires each public school that uses an American Indian mascot to either cease using the mascot or request approval for the continued use of the mascot or another American Indian mascot from the subcommittee. If a public school receives notice from the subcommittee that the school's use of an American Indian mascot has been disapproved, the public school shall cease using the mascot on or before the date 2 years following such notice.

For each month in which a public school uses an unapproved American Indian mascot after such date, a fine of \$25,000 shall be paid to the state treasurer by:

- ! The school district of the offending public school;
- ! The state charter school institute if the offending school is an institute charter school; or
- ! The public school itself if the public school is a public institution of higher education.

The bill creates the American Indian mascot fund (fund). A public school whose mascot is disapproved by the subcommittee may apply for a grant of moneys from the fund to pay for new uniforms, new decor, new letterhead, and such other modifications as are necessitated by the public school's change of mascot.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** section  
3 24-44-109 as follows:

4 **24-44-109. Subcommittee for the consideration of the use of**  
5 **American Indian mascots by public schools - subcommittee**  
6 **established - duties and powers - membership - American Indian**  
7 **mascot fund created - repeal.** (1) THERE IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE  
8 COMMISSION A SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF  
9 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
10 SECTION AS THE "SUBCOMMITTEE".

11 (2) THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL:

12 (a) MEET AT LEAST EVERY TWO MONTHS TO EVALUATE THE USE OF  
13 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF EDUCATION AND

1 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THE STATE;

2 (b) APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE SUCH USES, AS DESCRIBED IN  
3 SECTIONS 22-1-130 AND 23-1-134, C.R.S.; AND

4 (c) REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING THE  
5 ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR  
6 YEAR.

7 (3) THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

8 (a) TO PETITION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MONEYS TO  
9 EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTER THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S AFFAIRS AND TO EXPEND  
10 MONEYS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REGULATIONS;

11 (b) TO SOLICIT AND ACCEPT GIFTS, MONEYS, GRANTS, DONATIONS,  
12 BEQUESTS, AND DEVICES FOR USE IN FURTHERING THE PURPOSES OF THE  
13 SUBCOMMITTEE;

14 (c) TO MAKE AND PUBLISH REPORTS OF FINDINGS AND  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS;

16 (d) TO ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION PROCESS BY WHICH PUBLIC  
17 SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHOSE  
18 MASCOTS ARE DISAPPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY APPLY FOR AND  
19 RECEIVE GRANTS OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
20 22-1-130 (6), C.R.S., AND SECTION 23-1-134 (6), C.R.S.; AND

21 (e) TO AWARD GRANTS OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND TO PUBLIC  
22 SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHOSE  
23 MASCOTS ARE DISAPPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE, IN SUCH AMOUNTS  
24 AS THE SUBCOMMITTEE DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

25 (4) TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF  
26 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY  
27 ATTEND MEETINGS REMOTELY THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS OF

1 COMMUNICATION.

2 (5) (a) THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSISTS OF:

3 (I) NINE VOTING MEMBERS, EACH OF WHOM MUST ALSO BE A  
4 MEMBER OF A TRIBE THAT IS RECOGNIZED AS AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE  
5 BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT NO MORE THAN TWO OF WHOM MAY  
6 BE FROM THE SAME TRIBE; AND

7 (II) TWO NONVOTING MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

10 (b) THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL BE  
11 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

12 (I) THREE PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

13 (II) TWO PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES;

15 (III) TWO PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;  
16 AND

17 (IV) TWO PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE  
18 SUPREME COURT.

19 (c) THE NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL BE  
20 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

21 (I) ONE MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF  
22 EDUCATION OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND

23 (II) ONE MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
24 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

25 (d) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERS OF THE  
26 SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM DIVERSE AREAS OF THE STATE,  
27 WITH AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM RURAL AREAS OF THE

1 STATE.

2 (e) EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (a)  
3 AND (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL MAKE HIS OR HER APPOINTMENTS  
4 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015.

5 (f) EACH MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY SERVE  
6 INDEFINITELY AT THE DISCRETION OF HIS OR HER APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

7 (g) THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSIGN AT LEAST ONE PERSON FROM  
8 ITS EXISTING STAFF TO ASSIST THE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE EXECUTION OF  
9 ITS DUTIES.

10 (6) THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY USE MONEYS FROM THE FUND TO  
11 COMPENSATE EACH MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR HIS OR HER  
12 SERVICE TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON A PER DIEM BASIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT  
13 TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY UPON WHICH THE  
14 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETS TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS; EXCEPT THAT THE  
15 SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL NOT AWARD COMPENSATION EXCEEDING SEVEN  
16 HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS TO ANY MEMBER IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

17 (7) THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY SELECT FROM ITS MEMBERSHIP A  
18 CHAIRPERSON WHO, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
19 THE COMMISSION, SHALL CARRY OUT THE DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITIES  
20 AND BUSINESS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

21 (8) (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE AMERICAN  
22 INDIAN MASCOT FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND",  
23 CONSISTING OF ANY MONEYS THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND  
24 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS  
25 RECEIVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT  
26 TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE  
27 SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH

1 IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

2 (b) THE STATE TREASURER MAY INVEST ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND  
3 NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION AS PROVIDED BY LAW.  
4 THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED  
5 FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND TO THE  
6 FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN  
7 THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL  
8 NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR TO  
9 ANOTHER FUND.

10 (c) (I) FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
11 SHALL APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE  
12 GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

13 (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (c) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

14 (9) (a) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.  
15 BEFORE SUCH REPEAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES  
16 SHALL REVIEW THE SUBCOMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-1203 (3)  
17 (mm) (I), C.R.S.

18 (b) UPON REPEAL OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
19 CREDIT TO THE GENERAL FUND ANY MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND  
20 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-130 as  
22 follows:

23 **22-1-130. Use of American Indian mascots - notice - approval**  
24 **by mascot subcommittee - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,  
25 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

26 (a) "AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT" MEANS A NAME, SYMBOL, OR  
27 IMAGE THAT DEPICTS OR REFERS TO AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE,

1 INDIVIDUAL, CUSTOM, OR TRADITION.

2 (b) "MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE" MEANS THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
3 THE CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS BY  
4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-44-109, C.R.S.

5 (c) "INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A CHARTER SCHOOL  
6 AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO  
7 PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

8 (d) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS:

9 (I) AN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, OR HIGH SCHOOL OF  
10 A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT SERVES ANY OF GRADES KINDERGARTEN  
11 THROUGH TWELVE; AND

12 (II) A CHARTER ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, OR HIGH  
13 SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT SERVES ANY OF GRADES  
14 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE.

15 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, EACH SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT THAT INCLUDES A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT USES AN AMERICAN  
17 INDIAN MASCOT SHALL:

18 (I) NOTIFY EACH SUCH SCHOOL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
19 SECTION; AND

20 (II) NOTIFY THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE OF EACH SUCH SCHOOL'S  
21 USE OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT.

22 (b) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, THE STATE CHARTER  
23 SCHOOL INSTITUTE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-30.5-503 SHALL:

24 (I) NOTIFY EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT USES AN  
25 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND

26 (II) NOTIFY THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE OF EACH INSTITUTE  
27 CHARTER SCHOOL'S USE OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT.

1           (3) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2015, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT  
2 USES AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT AND EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER  
3 SCHOOL THAT USES AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT SHALL:

4           (a) CEASE USING THE AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT; OR

5           (b) REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE USE OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
6 MASCOT, OR APPROVAL OF THE USE OF ANOTHER AMERICAN INDIAN  
7 MASCOT, FROM THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE.

8           (4) (a) IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL RECEIVES NOTICE FROM THE MASCOT  
9 SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S USE OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN  
10 MASCOT HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL CEASE USING  
11 THE MASCOT ON OR BEFORE THE DATE TWO YEARS FOLLOWING SUCH  
12 NOTICE. FOR EACH MONTH DURING WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL USES AN  
13 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT AFTER SUCH DATE, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
14 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL PAY A FINE OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND  
15 DOLLARS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEYS  
16 RECEIVED TO THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF  
17 ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

18           (b) IF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL RECEIVES NOTICE FROM THE  
19 MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S USE OF  
20 AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED, THE INSTITUTE  
21 CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL CEASE USING THE MASCOT ON OR BEFORE THE  
22 DATE TWO YEARS FOLLOWING SUCH NOTICE. FOR EACH MONTH DURING  
23 WHICH AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL USES AN AMERICAN INDIAN  
24 MASCOT AFTER SUCH DATE, THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE SHALL  
25 PAY A FINE OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE STATE  
26 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEYS RECEIVED TO THE STATE  
27 EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE



1 STATE CONSTITUTION.

2 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-44-109,  
3 C.R.S., A PUBLIC SCHOOL'S OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S USE OF AN  
4 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT IS DEEMED APPROVED BY THE MASCOT  
5 SUBCOMMITTEE IF:

6 (a) THE MASCOT REFERS SOLELY AND SPECIFICALLY TO A SINGLE  
7 AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE FEDERAL  
8 GOVERNMENT; AND

9 (b) THE TRIBE HAS APPROVED THE USE OF THE MASCOT BY THE  
10 PUBLIC SCHOOL OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL.

11 (6) A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL WHOSE  
12 MASCOT IS DISAPPROVED BY THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE MAY APPLY FOR  
13 A GRANT OF MONEYS FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT FUND  
14 CREATED IN SECTION 24-44-109, C.R.S., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR  
15 NEW UNIFORMS, NEW DECOR, NEW LETTERHEAD, AND SUCH OTHER  
16 MODIFICATIONS AS ARE NECESSITATED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S OR  
17 INSTITUTION CHARTER SCHOOL'S CHANGE OF MASCOT.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-1-134 as  
19 follows:

20 **23-1-134. Commission directive - use of American Indian**  
21 **mascots - notice - approval by mascot subcommittee - definitions.**

22 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
23 REQUIRES:

24 (a) "AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT" MEANS A NAME, SYMBOL, OR  
25 IMAGE THAT DEPICTS OR REFERS TO AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE,  
26 INDIVIDUAL, CUSTOM, OR TRADITION.

27 (b) "MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE" MEANS THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR

1 THE CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS BY  
2 PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-44-109, C.R.S.

3 (c) "PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS A PUBLIC  
4 COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL,  
5 EDUCATIONAL CENTER, OR JUNIOR COLLEGE THAT RECEIVES FINANCIAL  
6 SUPPORT FROM THE STATE.

7 (2) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

8 (a) NOTIFY EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT  
9 USES AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION;  
10 AND

11 (b) NOTIFY THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE OF EACH PUBLIC  
12 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S USE OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN  
13 MASCOT.

14 (3) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2015, EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
15 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT USES AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT SHALL:

16 (a) CEASE USING THE AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT; OR

17 (b) REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
18 THE CONTINUED USE OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT OR ANOTHER  
19 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT.

20 (4) IF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION RECEIVES  
21 NOTICE FROM THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE INSTITUTION'S USE  
22 OF AN AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT HAS BEEN DISAPPROVED, THE  
23 INSTITUTION SHALL CEASE USING THE MASCOT ON OR BEFORE THE DATE  
24 TWO YEARS FOLLOWING SUCH NOTICE. FOR EACH MONTH DURING WHICH  
25 A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION USES AN AMERICAN INDIAN  
26 MASCOT AFTER SUCH DATE, THE INSTITUTION SHALL PAY A FINE OF  
27 TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL

1 CREDIT THE MONEYS RECEIVED TO THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED  
2 IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

3 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-44-109,  
4 C.R.S., A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S USE OF AN  
5 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT IS DEEMED APPROVED BY THE MASCOT  
6 SUBCOMMITTEE IF:

7 (a) THE MASCOT REFERS SOLELY AND SPECIFICALLY TO A SINGLE  
8 AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE FEDERAL  
9 GOVERNMENT; AND

10 (b) THE TRIBE HAS APPROVED THE USE OF THE MASCOT BY THE  
11 PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

12 (6) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHOSE MASCOT  
13 IS DISAPPROVED BY THE MASCOT SUBCOMMITTEE MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT  
14 OF MONEYS FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT FUND CREATED IN  
15 SECTION 24-44-109, C.R.S., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR NEW  
16 UNIFORMS, NEW DECOR, NEW LETTERHEAD, AND SUCH OTHER  
17 MODIFICATIONS AS ARE NECESSITATED BY THE INSTITUTION'S CHANGE OF  
18 MASCOT.

19 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add** (3)  
20 (mm) as follows:

21 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.** (3) The  
22 following dates are the dates on which the statutory authorization for the  
23 designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

24 (mm) SEPTEMBER 1, 2025:

25 (I) THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF  
26 AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
27 24-44-109, C.R.S.

1           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 takes effect September 1, 2015; except that, if a referendum petition is  
3 filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against  
4 this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period  
5 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,  
6 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
7 general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take  
8 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the  
9 governor.