

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4854

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1300.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1300. (1) The board of a school district or intermediate
2 school district or board of directors of a public school academy
3 shall ensure that a Native American individual is permitted to wear
4 traditional regalia and to bring traditional objects to ceremonies
5 of honor.

6 (2) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Ceremonies of honor" means formal and informal public
8 occasions celebrating academic, athletic, and other student
9 achievement, including, but not limited to, graduation,

1 commencement, convocation, and honor society events.

2 (b) "Traditional objects" means any cultural, religious, or
3 ceremonial items or objects that hold tribal or ancestral meaning,
4 significance, or importance for a Native American. Traditional
5 objects does not include an item or object that is prohibited under
6 section 1313 or section 473 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA
7 328, MCL 750.473.

8 (c) "Traditional regalia" means any cultural, religious, or
9 ceremonial clothing or wearable items representing a Native
10 American's tribal or ancestral traditions. Traditional regalia does
11 not include clothing or an item that is prohibited under section
12 1313 or section 473 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL
13 750.473.