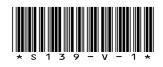
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2023

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SENATE BILL 139

	Short Title:	American Indians Graduating with Honors Act. (Public)
	Sponsors:	Senators Britt, McInnis, and Perry (Primary Sponsors).	
	Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	
	February 22, 2023		
1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2	AN ACT TO	ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OB.	JECTS
3	AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES.		
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		
5	SECTION 1. The title of Article 29D of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes reads		
6	as rewritten:		
7	"Article 29D. Student Prayer and Religious Activity. Activity and Cultural Expression."		
8	SECTION 2. Article 29D of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by		
9	adding a new section to read:		
10	"§ 115C-407.40. Cultural expression at graduation ceremonies.		
11		t that is, or is eligible to be, enrolled as a member of a State or federally reco	gnized
12	Indian tribe sl	hall be allowed to wear objects of cultural significance as part of the student's	regalia
13	at any graduation ceremony for a school within a public school unit in which the student is a		
14	graduating participant. For purposes of this section, an object of cultural significance includes		
15	bird feathers and plumes."		
16		ECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.	



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