

**135A.12 UNIQUE NEEDS AND ABILITIES OF AMERICAN INDIAN PEOPLE.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** This section applies to each public postsecondary governing board and each public postsecondary institution.

Subd. 2. **Programs and services.** The board of each institution, at the request of ten or more full-time American Indian students, shall establish an advisory committee, in consultation with tribal designated representatives. The advisory committee shall recommend instructional programs and student services to meet the unique needs of American Indian people.

Subd. 3. **American Indian languages.** A student who is proficient in an American Indian language shall have the opportunity to be assessed, placed, or to receive credit for skills in that language in the same manner that a student is assessed, placed, or receives credit for skills in languages other than the English language.

Subd. 4. **Qualifications for American Indian studies and services.** American Indian individuals who understand and have demonstrated knowledge of American Indian language, history, or culture may be considered to be competent to provide instruction in American Indian language, history, or culture programs. Qualifications to provide noninstructional services at postsecondary institutions for American Indian people must take into consideration knowledge of and understanding of American Indian language, history, or culture.

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1995 c 212 art 3 s 60]

**History:** 1988 c 703 art 1 s 11; 1989 c 246 s 2; 1995 c 212 art 3 s 6