

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 10/31/2023

LRB Number	23-4193/1	Introduction Number	AB-0528	Estimate Type	Original
Description race-based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names; providing an exemption from rule-making and emergency rule procedures; and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill restores the law as it existed prior to the enactment of 2013 Wisconsin Act 115 governing the use of race-based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names by school boards and authorizes the Department of Public Instruction to award a grant to a school board that terminates the use of a race-based nickname, logo, mascot, or team name that is associated with a federally recognized American Indian tribe or American Indians.

Under the bill, DPI may award a grant to a school board that terminates the use of a race-based nickname, logo, mascot, or team name, regardless of whether the termination is voluntary, in response to an objection, or to comply with an order. The bill specifies that the amount of the grant may not exceed the greater of \$50,000 or the actual cost incurred by the school board to replace the race-based nickname, logo, mascot, or team name. Under the bill, these grants are funded from Indian gaming receipts.

State: This bill increases state expenditures by creating a new \$200,000 PR-S appropriation funded by Indian gaming receipts to create the grant program established under this legislation. Since no funds are provided to administer this program, any administrative costs would have to be absorbed by the agency.

Local: This bill makes additional revenue available to school districts in the form of grants to offset the costs to terminate the use of a race-based nickname, logo, mascot, or team name that is associated with a federally recognized American Indian tribe or American Indians. The costs to school districts awarded a grant will vary depending on the size of the district. Those remaining costs which exceed the grant amount will vary among districts as well.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications