1997 SENATE BILL 341

November 4, 1997 – Introduced by Senators Moore and Burke, cosponsored by Representatives Boyle, Turner, Morris-Tatum, Baldwin and L. Young. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 AN ACT to create 118.13 (1m) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting school
- 2 boards from using certain American Indian names, nicknames, logos and
- 3 mascots.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits discrimination against pupils based upon race. This bill prohibits school boards from using specific names as school nicknames, logos or mascots and from using an American Indian name, nickname, logo or mascot if the state superintendent of public instruction considers its use a violation of the pupil antidiscrimination law and the rules promulgated under that law.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 118.13 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 118.13 (1m) (a) No school board may use any of the following as a school
- 6 nickname, logo or mascot: Apaches, Blackhawks, Braves, Chiefs, Chieftains, Indees,
- 7 Indians, Raiders, Red Raiders, Redmen, Warhawks and Warriors.

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mascot if the state superintendent considers its use a violation of sub. (1) or of the
(b) No school board may use an American Indian name, nickname, logo or

(1) This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.

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