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2015 SENATE BILL 704

February 3, 2016 – Introduced by Senators ROTH, VUKMIR, STROEBEL and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives NYGREN, VOS, KOOYENGA, KNUDSON, CZAJA, SCHRAA, KRUG, SKOWRONSKI, KREMER, JAGLER, ROHRKASTE, DUCHOW, KERKMAN, MURPHY, A. OTT, ALLEN, KNODL and KAHL. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 19.32 (1) and 19.82 (1); and *to create* 19.32 (1db), 19.82 (1m)
2 and 118.1335 of the statutes; **relating to:** participation in interscholastic
3 athletics and application of the public records and open meetings laws to
4 interscholastic athletic associations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a school district from being a member of an interscholastic athletic association unless the association elects to be governed by the state's public records and open meetings laws. An interscholastic athletic association that elects to be governed by the public records and open meetings laws is subject to those laws. Under the bill, an interscholastic athletic association can be either a nonprofit, unincorporated association or a nonstock, nonprofit corporation, if the unincorporated association or corporation coordinates athletic events or contests for students enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in the public schools.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 19.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
6 19.32 (1) "Authority" means any of the following having custody of a record: a
7 state or local office, elective official, agency, board, commission, committee, council,

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1 department or public body corporate and politic created by the constitution or by any
2 law, ordinance, rule or order; a governmental or quasi-governmental corporation
3 except for the Bradley center sports and entertainment corporation; a special
4 purpose district; any court of law; the assembly or senate; a nonprofit corporation
5 which receives more than 50% of its funds from a county or a municipality, as defined
6 in s. 59.001 (3), and which provides services related to public health or safety to the
7 county or municipality; a university police department under s. 175.42; an
8 interscholastic athletic association that elects to be governed by this subchapter; or
9 a formally constituted subunit of any of the foregoing.

10 **SECTION 2.** 19.32 (1db) of the statutes is created to read:

11 19.32 (1db) "Interscholastic athletic association" means a nonprofit
12 association, as defined in s. 184.01 (2), or a nonstock, nonprofit corporation organized
13 under ch. 181, that coordinates athletic events or contests for students enrolled in
14 grades 9 to 12 in the public schools.

15 **SECTION 3.** 19.82 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 19.82 (1) "Governmental body" means a state or local agency, board,
17 commission, committee, council, department or public body corporate and politic
18 created by constitution, statute, ordinance, rule or order; a governmental or
19 quasi-governmental corporation except for the Bradley center sports and
20 entertainment corporation; a local exposition district under subch. II of ch. 229; a
21 long-term care district under s. 46.2895; an interscholastic athletic association that
22 elects to be governed by this subchapter; or a formally constituted subunit of any of
23 the foregoing, but excludes any such body or committee or subunit of such body which
24 is formed for or meeting for the purpose of collective bargaining under subch. I, IV,
25 or V of ch. 111.

