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**TEXT OF H.R. 4312, THE SCORE ACT**

**[Showing the text of H.R. 4312, as reported by the Committee on Education and Workforce and the Committee on Energy and Commerce, with modifications]**

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Student Compensation  
3 and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements Act”  
4 or the “SCORE Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) an interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-  
8 tion under this Act shall represent the interests of  
9 student athletes, institutions, and conferences and  
10 allow for student input and consideration in decision  
11 making;

12 (2) an interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-  
13 tion under this Act may consider, thoroughly and in  
14 good faith, new proposals to modify governance  
15 mechanisms to ensure that the interests of student  
16 athletes, institutions, and conferences are fairly rep-  
17 resented;

1           (3) institutions and conferences involved in an  
2 interstate intercollegiate athletic association under  
3 this Act should consider, thoroughly and in good  
4 faith, means to create additional revenue sufficient  
5 to maintain the number of sports, roster spots, and  
6 athletic scholarships available at each institution,  
7 which may involve proposals to Congress on amend-  
8 ing existing law (including with respect to media  
9 marketing) and should strive to avoid the use of stu-  
10 dent fees; and

11           (4) any rules, regulations, or policies governing  
12 student athlete transfers between institutions  
13 should—

14           (A) prioritize the academic development,  
15 success, and well-being of student athletes  
16 above all other considerations, including by en-  
17 suring that the transfer process does not inter-  
18 fere with respect to the timing of a season of  
19 competition or an academic year;

20           (B) ensure that student athletes are pro-  
21 vided sufficient time and support to maintain  
22 academic eligibility and progress toward degree  
23 completion; and

1 (C) minimize unnecessary disruptions to  
2 the educational experience of student athletes  
3 with respect to transfer decisions or timelines.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) AGENT.—The term “agent” means an indi-  
7 vidual who receives compensation to represent a stu-  
8 dent athlete with respect to—

9 (A) a name, image, and likeness agree-  
10 ment; or

11 (B) another agreement for compensation  
12 related to the participation of such student ath-  
13 lete on a varsity sports team.

14 (2) ANTITRUST LAWS.—The term “antitrust  
15 laws” has the meaning given such term in the 1st  
16 section of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12) and in-  
17 cludes section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission  
18 Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent that such section  
19 5 applies to unfair methods of competition.

20 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
22 mittees” means each of the following:

23 (A) In the House of Representatives—

24 (i) the Committee on Education and  
25 Workforce;

1 (ii) the Committee on Energy and  
2 Commerce; and

3 (iii) the Committee on the Judiciary.

4 (B) In the Senate—

5 (i) the Committee on Commerce,  
6 Science, and Transportation;

7 (ii) the Committee on Health, Edu-  
8 cation, Labor, and Pensions; and

9 (iii) the Committee on the Judiciary.

10 (4) ASSOCIATED ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL.—The  
11 term “associated entity or individual” means, with  
12 respect to an institution, each of the following:

13 (A) An entity that is known or should be  
14 known to the employees of the athletic depart-  
15 ment of such institution to exist, in significant  
16 part, for the purpose of—

17 (i) promoting or supporting the var-  
18 sity sports teams or student athletes of  
19 such institution; or

20 (ii) creating or identifying opportuni-  
21 ties relating to name, image, and likeness  
22 agreements solely for the student athletes  
23 of such institution.

24 (B) An individual who is or has been a  
25 member, employee, director, officer, owner, or

1 other representative of an entity described in  
2 subparagraph (A).

3 (C) An individual who directly or indirectly  
4 (including through contributions by an entity  
5 affiliated with such individual or an immediate  
6 family member of such individual) has contrib-  
7 uted more than \$50,000 (as adjusted on July  
8 1 each year by the percentage increase (if any),  
9 during the preceding 12-month period, in the  
10 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-  
11 sumers published by the Bureau of Labor Sta-  
12 tistics) over the lifetime of the individual to the  
13 athletic programs of such institution or to an  
14 entity described in subparagraph (A).

15 (D) An individual or entity who—  
16 (i) is directed or requested by the em-  
17 ployees of the athletic department of such  
18 institution to assist in the recruitment or  
19 retention of prospective student athletes or  
20 student athletes, respectively; or

21 (ii) otherwise assists in such recruit-  
22 ment or retention.

23 (E) Any entity (other than a publicly trad-  
24 ed corporation) owned, controlled, or operated  
25 by, or otherwise affiliated with, an individual or

1           entity described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C),  
2           or (D).

3           (5) COLLEGE SPORTS REVENUE.—The term  
4           “college sports revenue” means the following rev-  
5           enue (without regard to ownership or legal title to  
6           such revenue) received by an institution with respect  
7           to intercollegiate athletics:

8                   (A) Revenue from the sale of admission to  
9                   intercollegiate athletic competitions or any  
10                  other event involving a varsity sports team, in-  
11                  cluding actual monetary revenue received by or  
12                  for the benefit of such institution for a suite li-  
13                  cense (unless such suite license is associated  
14                  with philanthropy or any purpose not related to  
15                  intercollegiate athletic competitions, including a  
16                  concert).

17                  (B) Revenue from participation by the var-  
18                  sity sports teams of such institution in inter-  
19                  collegiate athletic competitions held at other in-  
20                  stitutions, including payments received due to  
21                  cancellations of such intercollegiate athletic  
22                  competitions.

23                  (C) Revenue for radio, television, internet,  
24                  digital, and e-commerce rights, including rev-  
25                  enue relating to media rights distributed by a

1 conference to members of the conference, if ap-  
2 plicable.

3 (D) Revenue from an interstate intercolle-  
4 giate athletic association, including any grant,  
5 distribution of revenue, reimbursement relating  
6 to travel with respect to a championship of such  
7 interstate intercollegiate athletic association,  
8 and payment for hosting such a championship.

9 (E) Revenue generated by a post-season  
10 football bowl, including any distribution of rev-  
11 enue by a conference to members of the con-  
12 ference and any other payment related to the  
13 participation of such institution in such post-  
14 season football bowl, including for ticket sales  
15 and reimbursement of expenses.

16 (F) Revenue from a conference, other than  
17 any revenue otherwise described in this para-  
18 graph.

19 (G) Revenue for sponsorships, licensing  
20 agreements, advertisements, royalties, and in-  
21 kind products and services as part of a sponsor-  
22 ship agreement.

23 (H) Any additional form of revenue an  
24 interstate intercollegiate athletic association  
25 chooses to include with respect to calculating

1 the pool limit of such interstate intercollegiate  
2 athletic association.

3 (6) COMPENSATION.—The term “compensa-  
4 tion”—

5 (A) means, with respect to a student ath-  
6 lete or a prospective student athlete, any form  
7 of payment or remuneration, whether provided  
8 through cash, benefits, awards, or any other  
9 means, including payments for—

10 (i) licenses relating to, or the use of,  
11 name, image, and likeness rights; or

12 (ii) licenses relating to, or the use of,  
13 any other Federal or State intellectual or  
14 intangible property right; and

15 (B) does not include—

16 (i) grants-in-aid;

17 (ii) Federal Pell Grants and other  
18 Federal or State grants unrelated to and  
19 not awarded with regard to participation in  
20 intercollegiate athletics;

21 (iii) health insurance and payments  
22 for the costs of health care, including  
23 health insurance and payments for the  
24 costs of health care wholly or partly self-  
25 funded by an institution, conference, or

1 interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-  
2 tion;

3 (iv) disability and loss-of-value insur-  
4 ance, including disability and loss-of-value  
5 insurance that is wholly or partly self-  
6 funded by an institution, conference, or  
7 interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-  
8 tion;

9 (v) career counseling, job placement  
10 services, and other guidance available to all  
11 students at an institution;

12 (vi) payment of hourly wages and ben-  
13 efits for work actually performed (and not  
14 for participation in intercollegiate ath-  
15 letics) at a rate commensurate with the  
16 going rate in the locality of an institution  
17 for similar work;

18 (vii) education-related financial  
19 awards for academic performance paid to a  
20 student athlete by an institution for an  
21 academic year, the aggregate amount of  
22 which does not exceed the maximum aggre-  
23 gate amount permitted for such awards for  
24 such academic year pursuant to the rules  
25 established by the interstate intercollegiate

1 athletic association of which the institution  
2 is a member;

3 (viii) provision of financial literacy or  
4 tax education resources and guidance; or

5 (ix) any program to connect student  
6 athletes with employers and facilitate em-  
7 ployment opportunities, if—

8 (I) the financial terms of such  
9 employment opportunities are con-  
10 sistent with the terms offered to simi-  
11 larly situated employees who are not  
12 student athletes; and

13 (II) such program is not used to  
14 induce a student athlete to attend a  
15 particular institution.

16 (7) CONFERENCE.—The term “conference”  
17 means an entity that—

18 (A) has as members 2 or more institutions;

19 (B) arranges regular season intercollegiate  
20 athletic competitions and championships for  
21 such members; and

22 (C) sets rules with respect to such inter-  
23 collegiate athletic competitions and champion-  
24 ships.

1           (8) COST OF ATTENDANCE.—The term “cost of  
2           attendance” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
3           tion 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
4           U.S.C. 1087ll).

5           (9) GRANT-IN-AID.—The term “grant-in-aid”  
6           means a scholarship, grant, stipend, or other form of  
7           financial assistance, including the provision of tui-  
8           tion, room, board, books, or funds for fees or per-  
9           sonal expenses, that—

10                   (A) is paid or provided by an institution to  
11                   a student for the undergraduate or graduate  
12                   course of study of the student; and

13                   (B) is in an amount that does not exceed  
14                   the cost of attendance at the institution for  
15                   such student.

16           (10) IMAGE.—The term “image” means, with  
17           respect to a student athlete, a picture or a video that  
18           identifies, is linked to, or is reasonably linkable to  
19           such student athlete.

20           (11) INSTITUTION.—The term “institution” has  
21           the meaning given the term “institution of higher  
22           education” in section 102 of the Higher Education  
23           Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

24           (12) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMPETI-  
25           TION.—The term “intercollegiate athletic competi-

1       tion” means any contest, game, meet, match, tour-  
2       nament, regatta, or other event in which varsity  
3       sports teams of more than 1 institution compete.

4               (13) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS.—The term  
5       “intercollegiate athletics”—

6               (A) means the varsity sports teams for  
7       which the length of time a student athlete is eli-  
8       gible to participate and the academic standards  
9       for participation are established by a conference  
10       or an interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-  
11       tion; and

12              (B) does not include any recreational, in-  
13       tramural, or club team.

14              (14) INTERSTATE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC  
15       ASSOCIATION.—The term “interstate intercollegiate  
16       athletic association” means—

17              (A) any entity that—

18                      (i) sets common rules, standards, pro-  
19                      cedures, or guidelines for the administra-  
20                      tion and regulation of varsity sports teams  
21                      and intercollegiate athletic competitions;

22                      (ii) is composed of 2 or more institu-  
23                      tions or conferences located in more than  
24                      1 State; and

1 (iii) has rules or bylaws prohibiting  
2 the provision of prohibited compensation to  
3 student athletes and prospective student  
4 athletes; and

5 (B) does not include any entity affiliated  
6 with professional athletic competitions.

7 (15) LIKENESS.—The term “likeness” means,  
8 with respect to a student athlete, a physical or dig-  
9 ital depiction or representation that identifies, is  
10 linked to, or is reasonably linkable to such student  
11 athlete.

12 (16) NAME.—The term “name” means, with re-  
13 spect to a student athlete, the first, middle, or last  
14 name, or the nickname or former name, of such stu-  
15 dent athlete if used in a context that identifies, is  
16 linked to, or is reasonably linkable to such student  
17 athlete.

18 (17) NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREE-  
19 MENT.—The term “name, image, and likeness agree-  
20 ment” means a contract or similar agreement under  
21 which a student athlete licenses or authorizes, or a  
22 contract or similar agreement that otherwise is in  
23 relation to, the commercial use of the name, image,  
24 or likeness of the student athlete.

1           (18) NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS RIGHTS.—  
2           The term “name, image, and likeness rights” means  
3           rights recognized under Federal or State law that  
4           allow an individual to control and profit from the  
5           commercial use of the name, image, and likeness of  
6           such individual, including all rights commonly re-  
7           ferred to as “publicity rights”.

8           (19) OLYMPIC SPORTS.—The term “Olympic  
9           Sports” means the sports contested during the Sum-  
10          mer and Winter Olympic Games, as determined by  
11          the Comptroller General in consultation with the  
12          Chair and Ranking Member of each of the appro-  
13          priate congressional committees.

14          (20) POOL LIMIT.—The term “pool limit”  
15          means a dollar amount based on college sports rev-  
16          enue that—

17                 (A) is calculated and published by an  
18                 interstate intercollegiate athletic association  
19                 pursuant to the rules the interstate intercolle-  
20                 giate athletic association establishes under sec-  
21                 tion 7; and

22                 (B) serves as the annual maximum amount  
23                 that an institution that is a member of such  
24                 interstate intercollegiate athletic association  
25                 may provide, in total, to student athletes of

1           such institution, including in the form of a  
2           name, image, and likeness agreement or direct  
3           payment.

4           (21) PROHIBITED COMPENSATION.—The term  
5           “prohibited compensation” means any of the fol-  
6           lowing:

7                   (A) Compensation (including an agreement  
8                   for compensation) to a student athlete from an  
9                   associated entity or individual of the institution  
10                  at which the student athlete is enrolled (or to  
11                  a prospective student athlete from an associated  
12                  entity or individual of an institution for which  
13                  the prospective student athlete is being re-  
14                  cruited), unless such compensation is provided  
15                  for the license or use of the name, image, and  
16                  likeness rights of such student athlete or pro-  
17                  spective student athlete (or any other license or  
18                  use) for a valid business purpose related to the  
19                  promotion or endorsement of goods or services  
20                  provided to the general public for profit, with  
21                  compensation at rates and terms commensurate  
22                  with compensation paid to individuals with  
23                  name, image, and likeness rights of comparable  
24                  value who are not student athletes or prospec-

1           tive student athletes with respect to such insti-  
2           tution.

3                   (B) Compensation to a student athlete (or  
4           a prospective student athlete) if such compensa-  
5           tion is paid by or on behalf of the institution  
6           at which the student athlete is enrolled (or for  
7           which the prospective student athlete is being  
8           recruited) and results in the exceeding of the  
9           pool limit established by the interstate inter-  
10          collegiate athletic association of which such in-  
11          stitution is a member.

12           (22) PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ATHLETE.—The  
13          term “prospective student athlete” means an indi-  
14          vidual who is solicited to enroll at an institution by,  
15          or at the direction of, an employee or an associated  
16          entity or individual of the institution in order for  
17          such individual to participate in a varsity sports  
18          team of such institution.

19           (23) SEASON OF COMPETITION.—The term  
20          “season of competition”, with respect to a varsity  
21          sports team, means the recurring period of time that  
22          begins on the date of the first scheduled intercolle-  
23          giate athletic competition for the sport in which the  
24          varsity sports team competes and ends on the date  
25          of the last scheduled intercollegiate athletic competi-

1       tion or championship for such sport, regardless of  
2       whether the varsity sports team competes in such  
3       last scheduled intercollegiate athletic competition or  
4       championship.

5           (24) STATE.—The term “State” means each  
6       State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
7       and each commonwealth, territory, or possession of  
8       the United States.

9           (25) STUDENT ATHLETE.—The term “student  
10      athlete” means an individual who—

11           (A) is enrolled or has agreed to enroll at  
12      an institution; and

13           (B) participates in a varsity sports team of  
14      such institution.

15           (26) VARSITY SPORTS TEAM.—The term “var-  
16      sity sports team” means an entity composed of an  
17      individual or group of individuals enrolled at an in-  
18      stitution that is organized by such institution for the  
19      purpose of participation in intercollegiate athletic  
20      competitions.

21 **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS**

22 **RIGHTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES.**

23       (a) RIGHT TO ENTER INTO NAME, IMAGE, AND  
24      LIKENESS AGREEMENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—No institution, conference,  
2 or interstate intercollegiate athletic association may  
3 restrict the ability of a student athlete to enter into  
4 a name, image, and likeness agreement.

5           (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

6           (A) PROHIBITED COMPENSATION.—Para-  
7 graph (1) does not apply with respect to a  
8 name, image, and likeness agreement to the ex-  
9 tent such agreement provides prohibited com-  
10 pensation.

11           (B) CODES OF CONDUCT AND CON-  
12 FLECTING AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding  
13 paragraph (1), an institution may restrict the  
14 ability of a student athlete of such institution  
15 (including a prospective student athlete who has  
16 agreed to attend such institution) to enter into  
17 a name, image, and likeness agreement that—

18           (i) violates the code of conduct of such  
19 institution; or

20           (ii) conflicts with the terms of a con-  
21 tract or similar agreement to which such  
22 institution is a party.

23           (3) DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.—If a  
24 dispute resolution process relating to prohibited  
25 compensation is established by an interstate inter-

1 collegiate athletic association pursuant to section  
2 7(a)(3) and available to a student athlete, enforce-  
3 ment by the interstate intercollegiate athletic asso-  
4 ciation of rules related to prohibited compensation  
5 shall be treated as compliant with this Act with re-  
6 spect to such student athlete without regard to  
7 whether—

8 (A) such student athlete engages in such  
9 dispute resolution process; or

10 (B) such dispute resolution process has  
11 concluded with respect to such student athlete  
12 (if action taken at the conclusion of such proc-  
13 ess is consistent with and conforms to the final  
14 determination reached with respect to such  
15 process).

16 (b) RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION.—Except as pro-  
17 vided by this Act, no institution, conference, or interstate  
18 intercollegiate athletic association may restrict the ability  
19 of a student athlete to obtain an agent.

20 (c) RIGHT TO PRIVACY.—Except as provided by this  
21 Act, no institution, conference, or interstate intercollegiate  
22 athletic association may release information with respect  
23 to a name, image, and likeness agreement without the ex-  
24 press written consent of any student athlete who is a party  
25 to such agreement.

1 (d) RIGHT TO TRANSPARENT AGREEMENTS.—A  
2 name, image, and likeness agreement under which a stu-  
3 dent athlete is provided compensation in an amount great-  
4 er than \$600, in the aggregate, shall be considered void  
5 from the inception of such agreement if such agreement  
6 does not satisfy the following:

7 (1) The agreement is in writing.

8 (2) The agreement contains the following:

9 (A) A description of any services to be ren-  
10 dered under the agreement.

11 (B) The names of the parties to the agree-  
12 ment.

13 (C) The term of the agreement.

14 (D) The amount of compensation to be  
15 provided to the student athlete under the agree-  
16 ment.

17 (E) A provision specifying the cir-  
18 cumstances or events under which the agree-  
19 ment may be terminated due to non-perform-  
20 ance of obligations by the student athlete.

21 (F) A provision specifying that the student  
22 athlete may terminate the agreement, notwith-  
23 standing any other term described in the agree-  
24 ment, beginning on the date on which the stu-

1           dent athlete is no longer eligible to participate  
2           in intercollegiate athletics.

3           (G) The signature of the student athlete  
4           or, if the student athlete is under the age of 18  
5           years, the signature of the parent or guardian  
6           of the student athlete.

7           (e) ACTIONS BY STATES.—In any case in which the  
8           attorney general of a State, or an official or agency of  
9           a State, has reason to believe that an interest of the resi-  
10          dents of such State has been or is threatened or adversely  
11          affected by an act or practice in violation of this section,  
12          the State, as *parens patriae*, may bring a civil action on  
13          behalf of the residents of the State in an appropriate State  
14          court or an appropriate district court of the United States  
15          to—

16               (1) enjoin such act or practice;

17               (2) enforce compliance with this section;

18               (3) obtain damages, restitution, or other com-  
19          pensation on behalf of residents of the State; or

20               (4) obtain such other legal and equitable relief  
21          as the court may consider to be appropriate.

22          (f) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BY STATES.—No attor-  
23          ney general of a State, or other official or agency of a  
24          State, may bring a civil action under subsection (e) on  
25          behalf of student athletes or prospective student athletes,

1 if such student athletes or prospective student athletes  
2 have not pursued and exhausted any relevant dispute reso-  
3 lution process available under the rules of an interstate  
4 intercollegiate athletic association.

5 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-  
6 section (e) may be construed to authorize an individual  
7 or entity that is not an attorney general, official, or agency  
8 of a State to bring a civil action on behalf of the State  
9 pursuant to such subsection.

10 **SEC. 5. SPORTS AGENT RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST ACT.**

11 The Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act (15  
12 U.S.C. 7801 et seq.) is amended—

13 (1) in section 3(a)—

14 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
15 (3) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

16 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
17 following:

18 “(2) charge a student athlete a fee with respect  
19 to an endorsement contract that is in an amount  
20 that is greater than 5 percent of the amount of the  
21 compensation provided to such student athlete under  
22 such contract;

23 “(3) enter into an agency contract with a stu-  
24 dent athlete that does not include a provision speci-  
25 fying that the student athlete may terminate the

1 agency contract, notwithstanding any other term de-  
2 scribed in the agency contract, beginning on the date  
3 on which the student athlete is no longer eligible to  
4 compete in intercollegiate sports;”;

5 (2) in section 3(b)(3), by striking “Warning to  
6 Student Athlete: If you agree orally or in writing to  
7 be represented by an agent now or in the future you  
8 may lose your eligibility to compete as a student ath-  
9 lete in your sport.” and inserting “Notice to Student  
10 Athlete:”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 **“SEC. 9. DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT RELATING TO NAME,**  
13 **IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An athlete agent who assists a  
15 student athlete with an endorsement contract shall dis-  
16 close in writing to the student athlete—

17 “(1) whether the athlete agent is acting as a fi-  
18 duciary with respect to such student athlete;

19 “(2) whether the athlete agent is registered  
20 with an interstate intercollegiate athletic association  
21 (as defined in section 3 of the SCORE Act); and

22 “(3) if the athlete agent is registered with an  
23 interstate intercollegiate athletic association, whether  
24 the athlete agent is registered with the interstate  
25 intercollegiate athletic association that has as a

1 member the institution (as defined in section 3 of  
2 the SCORE Act) at which the student athlete is en-  
3 rolled.

4 “(b) CONSENT.—In the case of an athlete agent who  
5 is not registered with an interstate intercollegiate athletic  
6 association, the athlete agent may only assist a student  
7 athlete with an endorsement contract if the student athlete  
8 (or, in the case of a student athlete who is under 18 years  
9 of age, the parent or guardian of the student athlete) pro-  
10 vides to the athlete agent written consent for such assist-  
11 ance after receiving the disclosure under subsection (a).

12 “(c) ENFORCEMENT.—If an attorney general of a  
13 State has reason to believe that an interest of the residents  
14 of that State has been or is threatened or adversely af-  
15 fected by the engagement of any athlete agent in a prac-  
16 tice that violates this section, the attorney general may  
17 bring a civil action pursuant to section 5 in the same man-  
18 ner as the attorney general may bring a civil action with  
19 respect to a violation of section 3.”.

20 **SEC. 6. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN INSTITU-**  
21 **TIONS.**

22 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—An institution described in  
23 subsection (c) shall—

24 (1) provide comprehensive academic support  
25 and career counseling services to student athletes

1 that include life skills development programs with  
2 respect to—

3 (A) mental health, including alcohol and  
4 substance abuse;

5 (B) strength and conditioning;

6 (C) nutrition;

7 (D) name, image, and likeness rights;

8 (E) financial, tax, and legal literacy;

9 (F) career readiness and counseling;

10 (G) the process for transferring between  
11 institutions; and

12 (H) sexual violence prevention and con-  
13 sequences;

14 (2) provide to student athletes—

15 (A) medical care, including payment of  
16 out-of-pocket expenses, for an injury of a stu-  
17 dent athlete incurred during the involvement of  
18 such student athlete in intercollegiate athletics  
19 for such institution that is available to such  
20 student athlete during the period of enrollment  
21 of such student athlete with such institution  
22 and a period of at least 3 years following grad-  
23 uation or separation from such institution (un-  
24 less such separation is due to violation of a code  
25 of conduct);

1 (B) mental health services and support, in-  
2 cluding mental health educational materials and  
3 resources;

4 (C) an administrative structure that pro-  
5 vides independent medical care, including with  
6 respect to decisions regarding return to play;  
7 and

8 (D) a certification of insurance coverage  
9 for medical expenses resulting from injuries of  
10 student athletes incurred during the involve-  
11 ment of such student athletes in intercollegiate  
12 athletics for such institution;

13 (3) maintain a grant-in-aid provided to a stu-  
14 dent athlete for participating in intercollegiate ath-  
15 letics during the period of that grant-in-aid for such  
16 institution without regard to—

17 (A) athletic performance;

18 (B) contribution to team success;

19 (C) injury, illness, or physical or mental  
20 condition; or

21 (D) receipt of compensation pursuant to a  
22 name, image, and likeness agreement;

23 (4) provide degree completion assistance—

24 (A) for each former student athlete of such  
25 institution—

1 (i) who received a grant-in-aid from  
2 such institution for participating in inter-  
3 collegiate athletics;

4 (ii) who was a student athlete at such  
5 institution on or after the date of enact-  
6 ment of this Act and who ceased partici-  
7 pating as a student athlete for a reason  
8 other than a reason described in clause (i)  
9 or (ii) of subparagraph (D);

10 (iii) who has not received a bachelor's  
11 degree (or an equivalent degree) from any  
12 institution; and

13 (iv) for whom such institution is the  
14 last institution such former student athlete  
15 attended;

16 (B) that makes available to such former  
17 student athlete, for the period described in sub-  
18 paragraph (C) and subject to subparagraph  
19 (D), financial aid in an annual amount that is  
20 at least equal to the average annual grant-in-  
21 aid provided to such former student athlete  
22 during the period that such former student ath-  
23 lete was a student athlete at such institution;

24 (C) for the period beginning on the last  
25 date of the final period of enrollment during

1           which such former student athlete was a stu-  
2           dent athlete at such institution and ending on  
3           the date that such former student athlete com-  
4           pletes a bachelor’s degree (or an equivalent de-  
5           gree), not to exceed 7 years; and

6                   (D) that prohibits a former student athlete  
7           from receiving the financial aid described in  
8           subparagraph (B) if such former student ath-  
9           lete—

10                   (i) fails to meet the institution’s aca-  
11           demic progress requirements for the degree  
12           program; or

13                   (ii) violates the institution’s code of  
14           conduct; and

15           (5)(A) establish, not later than July 1, 2027,  
16           and thereafter maintain, at least 16 varsity sports  
17           teams in a manner that complies with section  
18           106.41(c) of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations  
19           (or successor regulations) (in this paragraph re-  
20           ferred to as “section 106.41(c)"); or

21           (B) in the case of an institution that, on the  
22           day before the date of enactment of this Act, main-  
23           tains at least 14 varsity sports teams, maintain at  
24           least the number of varsity sports teams such insti-

1       tution maintained on such date in a manner that  
2       complies with section 106.41(c);

3           (6) not compensate or otherwise provide or  
4       promise any type of payment or benefit to any  
5       coach, assistant coach, general manager, or other  
6       person who coaches or manages a varsity sports  
7       team by using, diverting, budgeting, or otherwise ob-  
8       taining funds from any source other than college  
9       sports revenue or a donation or contribution to the  
10      athletic department of the relevant institution;

11          (7) not, in any instance in which any coach, as-  
12      sistant coach, general manager, or other person who  
13      coaches or manages a varsity sports team is com-  
14      pensated or otherwise provided or promised any type  
15      of payment or benefit upon termination of employ-  
16      ment or other responsibility, use, divert, budget, or  
17      otherwise obtain funds from any source other than  
18      a donation or contribution from an individual that is  
19      specifically designated for and restricted to being  
20      used for such payment or benefit; and

21          (8) on an annual basis (but not later than  
22      March 31 of each such year) and in a uniform for-  
23      mat established by an interstate intercollegiate ath-  
24      letic association, submit to the appropriate congres-  
25      sional committees a report on athletic and taxpayer-

1 related revenues and expenditures, that shall in-  
2 clude, with respect to the preceding year, a descrip-  
3 tion of—

4 (A) athletic revenues and expenditures, in-  
5 cluding—

6 (i) the sources of funds used for ath-  
7 letic expenditures, aggregated and  
8 anonymized by type;

9 (ii) the percentage of athletic funding  
10 collected from Federal, State, and local tax  
11 revenue and from other sources, aggre-  
12 gated by type;

13 (iii) athletic revenue and expenditures  
14 by sport; and

15 (iv) how athletic revenue is expended  
16 within the athletic department of the insti-  
17 tution and within the institution generally;

18 (B) aggregate funding to institutions from  
19 Federal, State, and Tribal governments, includ-  
20 ing by type; and

21 (C) tuition revenue, including aggregate  
22 amounts provided by private payment and Fed-  
23 eral or other loan types.

24 (b) COLLABORATION.—An institution may carry out  
25 paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) in conjunc-

1 tion with a conference or interstate intercollegiate athletic  
2 association.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—An institution is described in  
4 this subsection if such institution reports (as required  
5 under section 485(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
6 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g))) having generated not less than  
7 \$25,000,000 (as adjusted on July 1 each year by the per-  
8 centage increase (if any), during the preceding 12-month  
9 period, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-  
10 sumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) in  
11 total revenue derived by the institution from the institu-  
12 tion’s intercollegiate athletics activities during the pre-  
13 ceding academic year, as determined in accordance with  
14 paragraph (1)(I) of section 485(g) of the Higher Edu-  
15 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g)), as amended by  
16 this Act.

17 (d) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.—Sec-  
18 tion 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
19 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 “(30) In the case of an institution described in  
22 subsection (c) of section 6 of the SCORE Act, the  
23 institution will comply with subsection (a) of such  
24 section.”.

1 **SEC. 7. ROLES OF INTERSTATE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATH-**  
2 **LETIC ASSOCIATIONS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH RULES.**—An inter-  
4 state intercollegiate athletic association is authorized to  
5 establish and enforce rules with respect to—

6 (1) requiring a student athlete or a prospective  
7 student athlete to disclose, in a timely manner, the  
8 terms of a name, image, and likeness agreement en-  
9 tered into by such student athlete;

10 (2) establishing and implementing a process to  
11 collect and publicly share aggregated and  
12 anonymized data related to the name, image, and  
13 likeness agreements of student athletes (without re-  
14 gard to whether any such agreement includes an in-  
15 stitution as a party to the agreement);

16 (3) prohibited compensation, including proc-  
17 esses for dispute resolution and penalties, if—

18 (A) such rules provide that a student ath-  
19 lete does not lose eligibility to participate in  
20 intercollegiate athletic competitions while a  
21 process for dispute resolution is ongoing; and

22 (B) any such process provides to a student  
23 athlete written notice, an opportunity to be  
24 heard before an impartial decision maker, and  
25 a right to representation by counsel;

1           (4) setting parameters for the manner in which  
2           and the time period during which student athletes  
3           and prospective student athletes may be recruited  
4           for intercollegiate athletics;

5           (5) establishing a pool limit, if such rules pro-  
6           vide that such pool limit is at least 22 percent of the  
7           average annual college sports revenue of the 70  
8           highest earning (with respect to such revenue) mem-  
9           ber institutions of such interstate intercollegiate ath-  
10          letic association (or, if such interstate intercollegiate  
11          athletic association has fewer than 70 members, the  
12          average annual college sports revenue of all mem-  
13          bers), and monitoring payments of compensation re-  
14          lated to such pool limit, including by ensuring that  
15          such payments are provided to a student athlete only  
16          if such student athlete met the academic standards  
17          described in paragraph (7) during the preceding aca-  
18          demic year;

19          (6) setting parameters for the manner in which  
20          a student athlete may transfer between institutions,  
21          if such rules provide that—

22                  (A) a student athlete, absent extenuating  
23                  circumstances, spend at least 1 full academic  
24                  year at an institution before transferring to an-  
25                  other institution;

1           (B) on 1 occasion during the 5-year period  
2           described in paragraph (8)(B) and on 1 addi-  
3           tional occasion during such period following the  
4           completion of a bachelor's degree (or an equiva-  
5           lent degree), a student athlete, absent extenu-  
6           ating circumstances, may transfer between in-  
7           stitutions and be immediately eligible to partici-  
8           pate on a varsity sports team of the institution  
9           to which the student athlete transfers (if the  
10          student athlete satisfies any academic or other  
11          eligibility requirements of the institution); and

12          (C) an institution to which a student ath-  
13          lete is transferring or is considering transfer-  
14          ring shall provide to such student athlete, at  
15          the request of such student athlete, in writing  
16          and at a reasonable time prior to completion of  
17          the transfer, a notice of the previously earned  
18          academic credits of such student athlete that  
19          such institution will accept, including with re-  
20          spect to the program of study of such student  
21          athlete;

22          (7) the academic standards to participate in  
23          intercollegiate athletics;

1           (8) the length of time a student athlete may  
2 participate in intercollegiate athletics, if such  
3 rules—

4           (A) do not permit a student athlete to par-  
5 ticipate in intercollegiate athletics if the student  
6 athlete is younger than a certain age or older  
7 than a certain age;

8           (B) do not permit a student athlete to par-  
9 ticipate in intercollegiate athletics for longer  
10 than a period of 5 years; and

11           (C) include limited exceptions for military  
12 service, missionary service, and other periods of  
13 absence from participation that are in the pub-  
14 lic interest;

15           (9) establishing and implementing a process, in-  
16 cluding a database, with respect to agent registra-  
17 tion, including—

18           (A) setting parameters for the ability of  
19 member institutions to negotiate with agents  
20 who are not registered under such process; and

21           (B) limiting the amount of the compensa-  
22 tion under an agreement between a student ath-  
23 lete and an institution that may be provided to  
24 the agent of such student athlete to not more  
25 than 5 percent of such compensation;

1           (10) the membership of, and participation in,  
2           such interstate intercollegiate athletic association  
3           (including any championships administered by such  
4           interstate intercollegiate athletic association), under  
5           which such interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-  
6           tion may establish membership qualifications, re-  
7           move members, and otherwise regulate participation;

8           (11) intercollegiate athletic playing seasons re-  
9           garding rules with respect to season length, max-  
10          imum number of contests, and student athlete time  
11          demands (whether during a playing season or out-  
12          side of such season);

13          (12) establishing a maximum aggregate amount  
14          permitted for education-related financial awards  
15          paid to a student athlete by an institution for an  
16          academic year, except that such maximum aggregate  
17          amount may not be less than \$5,980;

18          (13) setting parameters for the manner in  
19          which an institution (or any person on behalf of an  
20          institution) may engage in public or private commu-  
21          nication with respect to the employment of, or so-  
22          licit, recruit, or enter into an employment contract  
23          or other arrangement with, any coach employed by  
24          another institution with respect to a varsity sports  
25          team, if such rules prohibit an institution (or any

1 person on behalf of an institution) from engaging in  
2 any such communication, solicitation, recruitment,  
3 contract, or other arrangement with any such coach  
4 during a season of competition of the varsity sports  
5 team of such coach; and

6 (14) setting parameters for the manner in  
7 which a student athlete or a prospective student ath-  
8 lete may participate in intercollegiate athletics, if  
9 such rules—

10 (A) set a limit with respect to the amount  
11 of any form of payment or remuneration that  
12 has been provided to the student athlete or pro-  
13 spective student athlete for participating in an  
14 athletic competition (other than an intercolle-  
15 giate athletic competition or an elementary or  
16 secondary school athletic competition), exclud-  
17 ing—

18 (i) the amount of such remuneration  
19 that is equal to or less than the actual and  
20 necessary expenses of the student athlete  
21 or prospective student athlete (such as the  
22 cost of living (including in-kind gifts pro-  
23 viding housing)); and

1 (ii) remuneration that is based on  
2 placement or achievement in the athletic  
3 competition (including prize money);

4 (B) set a limit with respect to the extent  
5 of athletic experience that the student athlete  
6 or prospective student athlete may have, deter-  
7 mined based on any athletic competition—

8 (i) in which the student athlete or  
9 prospective student athlete has partici-  
10 pated; and

11 (ii) for which such student athlete or  
12 prospective student athlete has received  
13 payment or remuneration that is included  
14 in determining whether such student ath-  
15 lete or prospective student athlete has  
16 reached the limit set under subparagraph  
17 (A); and

18 (C) include a process for the student ath-  
19 lete or prospective student athlete to appeal a  
20 determination by the interstate intercollegiate  
21 athletic association made under subparagraph  
22 (A) or (B) that the student athlete or prospec-  
23 tive student athlete is ineligible to participate in  
24 intercollegiate athletics.

25 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

1           (1) AUTHORITY CONDITIONED ON COMPLI-  
2 ANCE.—An interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-  
3 tion is only authorized to establish and enforce rules  
4 under subsection (a) if such interstate intercollegiate  
5 athletic association is in compliance with this sub-  
6 section.

7           (2) GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.—An interstate  
8 intercollegiate athletic association (except for an  
9 interstate intercollegiate athletic association that is  
10 also a conference) shall ensure that, with respect to  
11 the membership of any board, committee, or other  
12 similar body of such interstate intercollegiate ath-  
13 letic association tasked with a decision-making role  
14 (including a decision-making role with respect to es-  
15 tablishing or enforcing a rule under subsection  
16 (a))—

17                   (A) not less than 20 percent of the mem-  
18 bers of the board, committee, or body are indi-  
19 viduals who are student athletes or were stu-  
20 dent athletes at any point during the preceding  
21 10-year period, with—

22                           (i) men and women equally rep-  
23 resented with respect to such individuals;  
24 and

1 (ii) each such individual participating  
2 in or having participated in a different  
3 sport; and

4 (B) at least 1 member of the board, com-  
5 mittee, or body is an individual with expertise  
6 in college sports marketing, contracting, public  
7 relations, or other disciplines.

8 **SEC. 8. TITLE IX.**

9 Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this  
10 Act, may be construed to limit or otherwise affect title  
11 IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.  
12 1681 et seq.).

13 **SEC. 9. LIABILITY LIMITATION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Adoption of, agreement to, com-  
15 pliance with, or enforcement of any rule, regulation, re-  
16 quirement, standard, or other provision established pursu-  
17 ant to, or in compliance with, section 7 of this Act shall  
18 be treated as lawful under the antitrust laws and any simi-  
19 lar State provision having the force and effect of law.

20 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-  
21 section (a) may be construed to limit or otherwise affect  
22 any provision of law, including any provision of Federal  
23 or State law or the common law, other than the antitrust  
24 laws and any similar State provision having the force and  
25 effect of law.

1 **SEC. 10. EMPLOYMENT STANDING.**

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or  
3 State law, no individual may be considered an employee  
4 of an institution, a conference, or an interstate intercolle-  
5 giate athletic association based on the receipt of com-  
6 pensation pursuant to, or the exercise of the rights guar-  
7 anteed by, this Act (or the amendments made by this Act),  
8 the participation of such individual on a varsity sports  
9 team or in an intercollegiate athletic competition as a stu-  
10 dent athlete, or the existence of rules or requirements for  
11 being a member of such team or for participating in such  
12 competition.

13 **SEC. 11. STUDENT ATHLETIC FEES.**

14 (a) **TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS.**—

15 (1) **INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES.**—Section 485(a)(1)(E) of the Higher Edu-  
16 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)(1)(E)) is  
17 amended by inserting “(including the amount of  
18 such fees used to support intercollegiate athletic pro-  
19 grams)” after “and fees”.

21 (2) **DATA REQUIRED.**—

22 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 485(g) of the  
23 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
24 1092(g)) is amended—

25 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding at the  
26 end the following:

1           “(K) With respect to fees charged to stu-  
2           dents to support intercollegiate athletic pro-  
3           grams—

4                   “(i) the total amount of such fees  
5                   charged to students;

6                   “(ii) the uses of such fees with respect  
7                   to facilities, operating expenses, scholar-  
8                   ships, payments to athletes, salaries of  
9                   coaches and support staff, and any other  
10                  expenses reported under this paragraph;  
11                  and

12                   “(iii) the percentage of the total cost  
13                   of such programs covered by such fees.”;  
14                  and

15                  (ii) in paragraph (3)—

16                   (I) by striking the period at the  
17                   end and inserting “; and”;

18                   (II) by striking “that all stu-  
19                   dents” and inserting the following:

20                   “that—

21                   “(A) all students”; and

22                   (III) by adding at the end the  
23                   following:

24                   “(B) with respect to the information de-  
25                   scribed in paragraph (1)(K), the institution

1           shall annually publish such information on a  
2           publicly available website of the institution not  
3           later than October 15 following the end of each  
4           fiscal year of the institution.”.

5                   (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments  
6           made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect on  
7           July 1, 2026, and shall apply with respect to  
8           academic year 2026–2027 and each succeeding  
9           academic year.

10           (b) RESTRICTING STUDENT FEES FOR HIGH-MEDIA-  
11 RIGHTS-REVENUE INSTITUTIONS.—

12                   (1) MEDIA RIGHTS REVENUES.—Section  
13           485(g)(1)(I)(ii) of the Higher Education Act of  
14           1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g)(1)(I)(ii)) is amended by  
15           striking “broadcast revenues” and inserting “media  
16           rights revenues (including revenues from broad-  
17           casting, streaming, or digital distribution of inter-  
18           collegiate athletic events)”.

19                   (2) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.—  
20           Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
21           (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)), as amended by this Act, is fur-  
22           ther amended by adding at the end the following:

23                   “(31)(A) Beginning in academic year 2028–  
24           2029, and each succeeding academic year, the insti-  
25           tution will determine the average annual media

1 rights revenue of such institution by averaging the  
2 media rights revenues reported under section  
3 485(g)(1)(I) for the second and third preceding aca-  
4 demic years.

5 “(B) In the case of an institution with an aver-  
6 age annual media rights revenue of \$50,000,000 or  
7 more, as determined under subparagraph (A) for an  
8 academic year, the institution will not, for the first  
9 academic year that begins after such academic year,  
10 use student fees to support intercollegiate athletic  
11 programs (including with respect to facilities, oper-  
12 ating expenses (as defined in section 485(g)(5)),  
13 scholarships, payments to athletes, salaries of coach-  
14 es and support staff, and any other expenses re-  
15 ported under section 485(g)(1)).”.

16 **SEC. 12. PREEMPTION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—No State, or political subdivision  
18 of a State, may maintain, enforce, prescribe, or continue  
19 in effect any law, rule, regulation, requirement, standard,  
20 or other provision having the force and effect of law that—

21 (1) governs or regulates the compensation, pay-  
22 ment, benefits, or employment status of a student  
23 athlete (including a prospective student athlete) with  
24 respect to participation in intercollegiate athletics,

1 including any law, rule, regulation, requirement,  
2 standard, or other provision that relates to—

3 (A) the right of a student athlete to receive  
4 compensation or other payments or benefits di-  
5 rectly or indirectly from any institution, associ-  
6 ated entity or individual, conference, or inter-  
7 state intercollegiate athletic association;

8 (B) the length of time a student athlete  
9 may participate in intercollegiate athletics or  
10 the academic standards to participate in inter-  
11 collegiate athletics;

12 (C) recruitment with respect to intercolle-  
13 giate athletics;

14 (D) student athlete transfers between insti-  
15 tutions with respect to intercollegiate athletics;  
16 or

17 (E) intercollegiate athletic playing seasons  
18 regarding rules with respect to season length,  
19 maximum number of contests, and student ath-  
20 lete time demands (whether during a playing  
21 season or outside of such season);

22 (2) limits or restricts a right provided to an in-  
23 stitution, a conference, or an interstate intercolle-  
24 giate athletic association under this Act; or

1           (3) requires a release of or license to use the  
2           name, image, and likeness rights of any individual  
3           participant, or group of participants, in an inter-  
4           collegiate athletic competition (or an individual spec-  
5           tator or group of spectators at an intercollegiate  
6           athletic competition) for purposes of audio-visual,  
7           audio, or visual broadcasts or other distributions of  
8           such intercollegiate athletic competition.

9           (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in sub-  
10          section (a) may be construed to relieve any person of liabil-  
11          ity under a State law of general applicability that does  
12          not conflict with this Act, including subsection (a) and the  
13          amendments made by this Act.

14          **SEC. 13. REPORTS.**

15          (a) **COMPLIANCE REPORTING.**—Not later than 180  
16          days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every  
17          2 years thereafter, each interstate intercollegiate athletic  
18          association shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
19          committees a report that includes—

20                 (1) a summary of the issues faced by such  
21                 interstate intercollegiate athletic association relating  
22                 to compliance with this Act, including the amend-  
23                 ments made by this Act;

1           (2) a summary of the trends among institu-  
2           tions, conferences, and interstate intercollegiate ath-  
3           letic associations relating to such compliance; and

4           (3) recommendations to improve the health,  
5           safety, and educational opportunities of student ath-  
6           letes.

7           (b) STUDY ON OLYMPIC SPORTS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of  
9           the United States shall conduct a study—

10           (A) to assess the impact of this Act, in-  
11           cluding the amendments made by this Act, on  
12           Olympic Sports, including the funding of Olym-  
13           pic Sports; and

14           (B) to develop recommendations for sup-  
15           port of Olympic Sports, given the unique nature  
16           of Olympic Sports and intercollegiate athletics  
17           in the United States.

18           (2) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under  
19           paragraph (1) shall include—

20           (A) a survey of international models of  
21           support for Olympic Sports, including models  
22           that could be adapted to the unique nature of  
23           Olympic Sports and intercollegiate athletics in  
24           the United States;

1 (B) an analysis of how participation in  
2 youth sports programs affects the pipeline to  
3 participation in Olympic Sports at institutions,  
4 including trends with respect to specialization  
5 and youth sports access and the effect of such  
6 trends on the long-term development of Olympic  
7 Sports;

8 (C) an examination of the role of the  
9 United States Olympic & Paralympic Com-  
10 mittee in promoting Olympic Sports at the  
11 youth and institutional levels and the feasibility  
12 of the Committee to provide support to institu-  
13 tions for the purpose of enhancing Olympic  
14 Sports;

15 (D) an analysis of the coordination re-  
16 quired to develop and cultivate Olympic Sports  
17 at institutions;

18 (E) an analysis of the trends with respect  
19 to roster sizes for Olympic Sports at institu-  
20 tions, with a focus on institutions that invest  
21 the largest amounts in intercollegiate athletics;  
22 and

23 (F) an evaluation of the participation of  
24 international student athletes in Olympic  
25 Sports.

1           (3) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the  
2           date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
3           General of the United States shall submit to the ap-  
4           propriate congressional committees a report on the  
5           results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

6 **SEC. 14. COMMISSION ON THE STATE OF U.S. INTERCOLLE-**  
7 **GIATE ATHLETICS.**

8           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within  
9           the legislative branch a commission to be known as the  
10          “Commission on the State of U.S. Intercollegiate Ath-  
11          letics” (referred to in this section as the “Commission”).

12          (b) COMPOSITION.—

13               (1) MEMBERS.—The Commission shall be com-  
14               posed of 10 members, of whom—

15                       (A) 2 members shall be appointed by the  
16                       Speaker of the House of Representatives;

17                       (B) 2 members shall be appointed by the  
18                       Majority Leader of the House of Representa-  
19                       tives;

20                       (C) 2 members shall be appointed by the  
21                       Minority Leader of the House of Representa-  
22                       tives;

23                       (D) 2 members shall be appointed by the  
24                       Majority Leader of the Senate; and

1 (E) 2 members shall be appointed by the  
2 Minority Leader of the Senate.

3 (2) CO-CHAIRS.—Of the members appointed  
4 under paragraph (1)—

5 (A) 1 co-chair shall be designated by the  
6 Majority Leader of the Senate; and

7 (B) 1 co-chair shall be designated by the  
8 Majority Leader of the House of Representa-  
9 tives.

10 (3) TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS.—The first ap-  
11 pointments under paragraph (1) shall be made not  
12 later than 30 days after the date of the enactment  
13 of this Act.

14 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each member ap-  
16 pointed under paragraph (1) shall have experi-  
17 ence with respect to 1 or more of the following:

18 (i) Participation as a coach, student  
19 athlete, or administrator with respect to  
20 intercollegiate athletics.

21 (ii) Administration of Olympic Sports.

22 (iii) Administration of an institution.

23 (iv) Expertise in sports marketing,  
24 contracting, or public relations.

1 (B) STUDENT ATHLETES.—Not fewer than  
2 2 members appointed under paragraph (1) shall  
3 be current or former student athletes.

4 (C) DIVERSITY IN EXPERIENCE.—At least  
5 1 member appointed under paragraph (1) shall  
6 have experience with respect to each qualifica-  
7 tion described in clauses (i) through (iv) of sub-  
8 paragraph (A).

9 (c) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after  
10 the date on which the last member is appointed under  
11 paragraph (1), the Commission shall hold an initial meet-  
12 ing.

13 (d) QUORUM.—6 members of the Commission shall  
14 constitute a quorum.

15 (e) NO PROXY VOTING.—Proxy voting by members  
16 of the Commission shall be prohibited.

17 (f) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The recommendations in-  
18 cluded in the report required by subsection (j)(2)(a) shall  
19 be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the Com-  
20 mission.

21 (g) STAFF.—The co-chairs of the Commission shall  
22 appoint an executive director of the Commission, and any  
23 other staff as the co-chairs determine appropriate, with  
24 compensation.

1 (h) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—The Commission shall hold  
2 at least 1 public hearing.

3 (i) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Commis-  
4 sion shall serve without pay but shall receive travel ex-  
5 penses in accordance with applicable provisions under sub-  
6 chapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

7 (j) DUTIES OF COMMISSION.—

8 (1) STUDY.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall  
10 conduct a study on matters relating to the gov-  
11 ernance and operations of the governing body of  
12 intercollegiate athletics.

13 (B) MATTERS STUDIED.—The study under  
14 subparagraph (A) shall include an assessment  
15 of the following:

16 (i) The governance structure of the  
17 governing body of interstate intercollegiate  
18 athletics, including how such governing  
19 body would benefit from reform and mod-  
20 ernization to address challenges facing  
21 intercollegiate athletics.

22 (ii) Whether intercollegiate athletics  
23 would benefit from establishing separate  
24 commissioner positions for certain sports,  
25 through which individuals appointed to

1           such positions would serve as chief execu-  
2           tive officers for such sports.

3           (iii) The extent to which such govern-  
4           ance structure serves the interests of stu-  
5           dent athletes, institutions, and conferences,  
6           including through appropriate representa-  
7           tion of institutions and conferences of  
8           varying sizes and resources, and allows for  
9           meaningful input by and consideration  
10          from student athletes in decision making.

11          (iv) The ability of institutions to  
12          maintain or expand the number of sports,  
13          roster spots, and athletic scholarships  
14          available at each institution with existing  
15          sources of revenue and any additional kind  
16          of revenue that may be available to institu-  
17          tions to ensure that sports other than foot-  
18          ball and men's basketball are adequately  
19          protected and funded.

20          (v) The extent to which transfers of  
21          student athletes between institutions  
22          prioritize the academic development, suc-  
23          cess, and well-being of student athletes and  
24          student athletes are provided sufficient  
25          time and support to maintain academic eli-

1                   gibility and progress toward degree com-  
2                   pletion, including through the minimization  
3                   of unnecessary disruptions to the edu-  
4                   cational experience of student athletes with  
5                   respect to transfer decisions or timelines.

6                   (vi) The satisfaction of student ath-  
7                   letes with such governing body.

8                   (vii) The health, safety, and well-being  
9                   of student athletes.

10                  (viii) The extent to which such gov-  
11                  erning body protects and promotes the  
12                  health, safety, well-being, and academic de-  
13                  velopment of student athletes through  
14                  binding, enforceable national standards.

15                  (ix) Whether cross-country travel for  
16                  intercollegiate athletic competitions im-  
17                  pacts the well-being or academic develop-  
18                  ment of student athletes and whether ap-  
19                  propriate action is taken or recommended  
20                  to mitigate any negative impact.

21                  (x) Whether Federal funds are di-  
22                  verted or repurposed to fund the budgets  
23                  of the athletic departments of institutions,  
24                  including compensation paid to coaches or  
25                  student athletes at the Division I level of

1 intercollegiate athletics, and how such  
2 repurposing of Federal funds may be pre-  
3 vented.

4 (xi) The impact on student athletes  
5 and intercollegiate athletics of the length-  
6 ening of the period of eligibility of student  
7 athletes to participate in intercollegiate  
8 athletic competitions.

9 (xii) The impact of litigation on the  
10 stability of intercollegiate athletics.

11 (xiii) The extent and any potential im-  
12 plication of funding or other involvement  
13 by a foreign nation (including any indi-  
14 vidual or private entity that may be affili-  
15 ated with a foreign nation) with respect to  
16 an associated entity or individual, the ath-  
17 letic department of an institution, or spon-  
18 sorship or hosting of an intercollegiate ath-  
19 letic competition.

20 (xiv) Whether disclosure and trans-  
21 parency requirements are warranted with  
22 respect the matters described in clause  
23 (xiii) and, if so, how such requirements can  
24 be incorporated into existing Federal re-  
25 porting requirements, including under sec-

1                   tion 117 of the Higher Education Act of  
2                   1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f).

3                   (xv) The extent to which such gov-  
4                   erning body has established and enforced  
5                   rules with respect to the conduct of agents,  
6                   such as disclosure obligations and sollicita-  
7                   tion practices (including regarding contact  
8                   with student athletes under contract).

9                   (xvi) Whether any additional such  
10                  rules are necessary with respect to agents  
11                  engaging with prospective student athletes  
12                  or student athletes, including through the  
13                  establishment of a Federal registration re-  
14                  quirement or other rules that govern the  
15                  conduct of agents with respect to name,  
16                  image, and likeness agreements.

17                  (2) REPORT.—

18                  (A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 270  
19                  days after the date of the enactment of this  
20                  Act, the Commission shall submit to Congress  
21                  a report on the results of the study conducted  
22                  under paragraph (1)(A) that includes a detailed  
23                  statement of findings, conclusions, and rec-  
24                  ommendations.

1                   (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report  
2                   required by subparagraph (A) shall be pub-  
3                   lished on a website of the Federal Government  
4                   that is available to the public.

5                   (k) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—The Commis-  
6                   sion shall terminate 90 days after the date on which the  
7                   Commission submits the report under subsection  
8                   (j)(2)(A).

9                   (l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
10                  authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
11                  \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

