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TEXT OF H.R. 4312, THE SCORE ACT

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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;

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

21 (C) minimize unnecessary disruptions to
22 the educational experience of student athletes
23 with respect to transfer decisions or timelines.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

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

4 (A) a name, image, and likeness agree-
5 ment; or

6 (B) another agreement for compensation
7 related to the participation of such student ath-
8 lete on a varsity sports team.

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

15 (3) ASSOCIATED ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL.—The
16 term “associated entity or individual” means, with
17 respect to an institution, each of the following:

18 (A) An entity that is known or should be
19 known to the employees of the athletic depart-
20 ment of such institution to exist, in significant
21 part, for the purpose of—

22 (i) promoting or supporting the var-
23 sity sports teams or student athletes of
24 such institution; or

1 (ii) creating or identifying opportuni-
2 ties relating to name, image, and likeness
3 agreements solely for the student athletes
4 of such institution.

5 (B) An individual who is or has been a
6 member, employee, director, officer, owner, or
7 other representative of an entity described in
8 subparagraph (A).

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

21 (D) An individual or entity who—
22 (i) is directed or requested by the em-
23 ployees of the athletic department of such
24 institution to assist in the recruitment or

1 retention of prospective student athletes or
2 student athletes, respectively; or

3 (ii) otherwise assists in such recruit-
4 ment or retention.

5 (E) Any entity (other than a publicly trad-
6 ed corporation) owned, controlled, or operated
7 by, or otherwise affiliated with, an individual or
8 entity described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C),
9 or (D).

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

15 (A) Revenue from the sale of admission to
16 intercollegiate athletic competitions or any
17 other event involving a varsity sports team, in-
18 cluding actual monetary revenue received by or
19 for the benefit of such institution for a suite li-
20 cense (unless such suite license is associated
21 with philanthropy or any purpose not related to
22 intercollegiate athletic competitions, including a
23 concert).

24 (B) Revenue from participation by the var-
25 sity sports teams of such institution in inter-

1 collegiate athletic competitions held at other in-
2 stitutions, including payments received due to
3 cancellations of such intercollegiate athletic
4 competitions.

5 (C) Revenue for radio, television, internet,
6 digital, and e-commerce rights, including rev-
7 enue relating to media rights distributed by a
8 conference to members of the conference, if ap-
9 plicable.

10 (D) Revenue from an interstate intercolle-
11 giate athletic association, including any grant,
12 distribution of revenue, reimbursement relating
13 to travel with respect to a championship of such
14 interstate intercollegiate athletic association,
15 and payment for hosting such a championship.

16 (E) Revenue generated by a post-season
17 football bowl, including any distribution of rev-
18 enue by a conference to members of the con-
19 ference and any other payment related to the
20 participation of such institution in such post-
21 season football bowl, including for ticket sales
22 and reimbursement of expenses.

23 (F) Revenue from a conference, other than
24 any revenue otherwise described in this para-
25 graph.

1 (G) Revenue for sponsorships, licensing
2 agreements, advertisements, royalties, and in-
3 kind products and services as part of a sponsor-
4 ship agreement.

5 (H) Any additional form of revenue an
6 interstate intercollegiate athletic association
7 chooses to include with respect to calculating
8 the pool limit of such interstate intercollegiate
9 athletic association.

10 (5) COMPENSATION.—The term “compensa-
11 tion”—

12 (A) means, with respect to a student ath-
13 lete or a prospective student athlete, any form
14 of payment or remuneration, whether provided
15 through cash, benefits, awards, or any other
16 means, including payments for—

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

19 (ii) licenses relating to, or the use of,
20 any other Federal or State intellectual or
21 intangible property right; and

22 (B) does not include—

23 (i) grants-in-aid;

24 (ii) Federal Pell Grants and other
25 Federal or State grants unrelated to and

1 not awarded with regard to participation in
2 intercollegiate athletics;

3 (iii) health insurance and payments
4 for the costs of health care, including
5 health insurance and payments for the
6 costs of health care wholly or partly self-
7 funded by an institution, conference, or
8 interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-
9 tion;

10 (iv) disability and loss-of-value insur-
11 ance, including disability and loss-of-value
12 insurance that is wholly or partly self-
13 funded by an institution, conference, or
14 interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-
15 tion;

16 (v) career counseling, job placement
17 services, and other guidance available to all
18 students at an institution;

19 (vi) payment of hourly wages and ben-
20 efits for work actually performed (and not
21 for participation in intercollegiate ath-
22 letics) at a rate commensurate with the
23 going rate in the locality of an institution
24 for similar work;

1 (vii) education-related financial
2 awards for academic performance paid to a
3 student athlete by an institution for an
4 academic year, the aggregate amount of
5 which does not exceed the maximum aggregate
6 amount permitted for such awards for
7 such academic year pursuant to the rules
8 established by the interstate intercollegiate
9 athletic association of which the institution
10 is a member;

11 (viii) provision of financial literacy or
12 tax education resources and guidance; or

13 (ix) any program to connect student
14 athletes with employers and facilitate employment
15 opportunities, if—

16 (I) the financial terms of such
17 employment opportunities are consistent
18 with the terms offered to similarly
19 situated employees who are not
20 student athletes; and

21 (II) such program is not used to
22 induce a student athlete to attend a
23 particular institution.

24 (6) CONFERENCE.—The term “conference”
25 means an entity that—

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

2 (B) arranges regular season intercollegiate
3 athletic competitions and championships for
4 such members; and

5 (C) sets rules with respect to such inter-
6 collegiate athletic competitions and champion-
7 ships.

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

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

17 (A) is paid or provided by an institution to
18 a student for the undergraduate or graduate
19 course of study of the student; and

20 (B) is in an amount that does not exceed
21 the cost of attendance at the institution for
22 such student.

23 (9) IMAGE.—The term “image” means, with re-
24 spect to a student athlete, a picture or a video that

1 identifies, is linked to, or is reasonably linkable to
2 such student athlete.

3 (10) INSTITUTION.—The term “institution” has
4 the meaning given the term “institution of higher
5 education” in section 102 of the Higher Education
6 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

7 (11) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMPETI-
8 TION.—The term “intercollegiate athletic competi-
9 tion” means any contest, game, meet, match, tour-
10 nament, regatta, or other event in which varsity
11 sports teams of more than 1 institution compete.

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

14 (A) means the varsity sports teams for
15 which the length of time a student athlete is eli-
16 gible to participate and the academic standards
17 for participation are established by a conference
18 or an interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-
19 tion; and

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

22 (13) INTERSTATE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
23 ASSOCIATION.—The term “interstate intercollegiate
24 athletic association” means—

25 (A) any entity that—

1 (i) sets common rules, standards, pro-
2 cedures, or guidelines for the administra-
3 tion and regulation of varsity sports teams
4 and intercollegiate athletic competitions;

5 (ii) is composed of 2 or more institu-
6 tions or conferences located in more than
7 1 State; and

8 (iii) has rules or bylaws prohibiting
9 the provision of prohibited compensation to
10 student athletes and prospective student
11 athletes; and

12 (B) does not include any entity affiliated
13 with professional athletic competitions.

14 (14) LIKENESS.—The term “likeness” means,
15 with respect to a student athlete, a physical or dig-
16 ital depiction or representation that identifies, is
17 linked to, or is reasonably linkable to such student
18 athlete.

19 (15) NAME.—The term “name” means, with re-
20 spect to a student athlete, the first, middle, or last
21 name, or the nickname or former name, of such stu-
22 dent athlete if used in a context that identifies, is
23 linked to, or is reasonably linkable to such student
24 athlete.

1 (16) NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREE-
2 MENT.—The term “name, image, and likeness agree-
3 ment” means a contract or similar agreement under
4 which a student athlete licenses or authorizes, or a
5 contract or similar agreement that otherwise is in
6 relation to, the commercial use of the name, image,
7 or likeness of the student athlete.

8 (17) NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS RIGHTS.—
9 The term “name, image, and likeness rights” means
10 rights recognized under Federal or State law that
11 allow an individual to control and profit from the
12 commercial use of the name, image, and likeness of
13 such individual, including all rights commonly re-
14 ferred to as “publicity rights”.

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

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

23 (B) serves as the annual maximum amount
24 that an institution that is a member of such
25 interstate intercollegiate athletic association

1 may provide, in total, to student athletes of
2 such institution, including in the form of a
3 name, image, and likeness agreement or direct
4 payment.

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

8 (A) Compensation (including an agreement
9 for compensation) to a student athlete from an
10 associated entity or individual of the institution
11 at which the student athlete is enrolled (or to
12 a prospective student athlete from an associated
13 entity or individual of an institution for which
14 the prospective student athlete is being re-
15 cruited), unless such compensation is provided
16 for the license or use of the name, image, and
17 likeness rights of such student athlete or pro-
18 spective student athlete (or any other license or
19 use) for a valid business purpose related to the
20 promotion or endorsement of goods or services
21 provided to the general public for profit, with
22 compensation at rates and terms commensurate
23 with compensation paid to individuals with
24 name, image, and likeness rights of comparable
25 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 (20) 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 (21) STATE.—The term “State” means each
20 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
21 and each commonwealth, territory, or possession of
22 the United States.

23 (22) STUDENT ATHLETE.—The term “student
24 athlete” means an individual who—

1 (A) is enrolled or has agreed to enroll at
2 an institution; and

3 (B) participates in a varsity sports team of
4 such institution.

5 (23) VARSITY SPORTS TEAM.—The term “var-
6 sity sports team” means an entity composed of an
7 individual or group of individuals enrolled at an in-
8 stitution that is organized by such institution for the
9 purpose of participation in intercollegiate athletic
10 competitions.

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

12 **RIGHTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES.**

13 (a) RIGHT TO ENTER INTO NAME, IMAGE, AND
14 LIKENESS AGREEMENTS.—

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

19 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

20 (A) PROHIBITED COMPENSATION.—Para-
21 graph (1) does not apply with respect to a
22 name, image, and likeness agreement to the ex-
23 tent such agreement provides prohibited com-
24 pensation.

1 (B) CODES OF CONDUCT AND CON-
2 FLICTING AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding
3 paragraph (1), an institution may restrict the
4 ability of a student athlete of such institution
5 (including a prospective student athlete who has
6 agreed to attend such institution) to enter into
7 a name, image, and likeness agreement that—

8 (i) violates the code of conduct of such
9 institution; or

10 (ii) conflicts with the terms of a con-
11 tract or similar agreement to which such
12 institution is a party.

13 (3) DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.—If a
14 dispute resolution process relating to prohibited
15 compensation is established by an interstate inter-
16 collegiate athletic association pursuant to section
17 7(a)(3) and available to a student athlete, enforce-
18 ment by the interstate intercollegiate athletic asso-
19 ciation of rules related to prohibited compensation
20 shall be treated as compliant with this Act with re-
21 spect to such student athlete without regard to
22 whether—

23 (A) such student athlete engages in such
24 dispute resolution process; or

1 (B) such dispute resolution process has
2 concluded with respect to such student athlete
3 (if action taken at the conclusion of such proc-
4 ess is consistent with and conforms to the final
5 determination reached with respect to such
6 process).

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

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

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

23 (1) The agreement is in writing.

24 (2) The agreement contains the following:

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

3 (B) The names of the parties to the agree-
4 ment.

5 (C) The term of the agreement.

6 (D) The amount of compensation to be
7 provided to the student athlete under the agree-
8 ment.

9 (E) A provision specifying the cir-
10 cumstances or events under which the agree-
11 ment may be terminated due to non-perform-
12 ance of obligations by the student athlete.

13 (F) A provision specifying that the student
14 athlete may terminate the agreement, notwith-
15 standing any other term described in the agree-
16 ment, beginning on the date on which the stu-
17 dent athlete is no longer eligible to compete in
18 intercollegiate athletics.

19 (G) The signature of the student athlete
20 or, if the student athlete is under the age of 18
21 years, the signature of the parent or guardian
22 of the student athlete.

23 (e) ACTIONS BY STATES.—In any case in which the
24 attorney general of a State, or an official or agency of
25 a State, has reason to believe that an interest of the resi-

1 dents of such State has been or is threatened or adversely
2 affected by an act or practice in violation of this section,
3 the State, as *parens patriae*, may bring a civil action on
4 behalf of the residents of the State in an appropriate State
5 court or an appropriate district court of the United States
6 to—

7 (1) enjoin such act or practice;

8 (2) enforce compliance with this section;

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

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

13 (f) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BY STATES.—No attor-
14 ney general of a State, or other official or agency of a
15 State, may bring a civil action under subsection (e) on
16 behalf of student athletes or prospective student athletes,
17 if such student athletes or prospective student athletes
18 have not pursued and exhausted any relevant dispute reso-
19 lution process available under the rules of an interstate
20 intercollegiate athletic association.

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

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

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

4 (1) in section 3(a)—

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

7 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
8 following:

9 “(2) charge a student athlete a fee with respect
10 to an endorsement contract that is in an amount
11 that is greater than 5 percent of the amount of the
12 compensation provided to such student athlete under
13 such contract;

14 “(3) enter into an agency contract with a stu-
15 dent athlete that does not include a provision speci-
16 fying that the student athlete may terminate the
17 agency contract, notwithstanding any other term de-
18 scribed in the agency contract, beginning on the date
19 on which the student athlete is no longer eligible to
20 compete in intercollegiate sports;”;

21 (2) in section 3(b)(3), by striking “Warning to
22 Student Athlete: If you agree orally or in writing to
23 be represented by an agent now or in the future you
24 may lose your eligibility to compete as a student ath-
25 lete in your sport.” and inserting “Notice to Student
26 Athlete:”; and

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

2 **“SEC. 9. DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT RELATING TO NAME,**
3 **IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS.**

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

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

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

12 “(3) if the athlete agent is registered with an
13 interstate intercollegiate athletic association, whether
14 the athlete agent is registered with the interstate
15 intercollegiate athletic association that has as a
16 member the institution (as defined in section 3 of
17 the SCORE Act) at which the student athlete is en-
18 rolled.

19 “(b) CONSENT.—In the case of an athlete agent who
20 is not registered with an interstate intercollegiate athletic
21 association, the athlete agent may only assist a student
22 athlete with an endorsement contract if the student athlete
23 (or, in the case of a student athlete who is under 18 years
24 of age, the parent or guardian of the student athlete) pro-

1 vides to the athlete agent written consent for such assist-
2 ance after receiving the disclosure under subsection (a).

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

11 **SEC. 6. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN INSTITU-**
12 **TIONS.**

13 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—An institution described in
14 subsection (c) shall—

15 (1) provide comprehensive academic support
16 and career counseling services to student athletes
17 that include life skills development programs with
18 respect to—

19 (A) mental health, including alcohol and
20 substance abuse;

21 (B) strength and conditioning;

22 (C) nutrition;

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

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

25 (F) career readiness and counseling;

1 (G) the process for transferring between
2 institutions; and

3 (H) sexual violence prevention and con-
4 sequences;

5 (2) provide to student athletes—

6 (A) medical care, including payment of
7 out-of-pocket expenses, for an injury of a stu-
8 dent athlete incurred during the involvement of
9 such student athlete in intercollegiate athletics
10 for such institution that is available to such
11 student athlete during the period of enrollment
12 of such student athlete with such institution
13 and a period of at least 3 years following grad-
14 uation or separation from such institution (un-
15 less such separation is due to violation of a code
16 of conduct);

17 (B) mental health services and support, in-
18 cluding mental health educational materials and
19 resources;

20 (C) an administrative structure that pro-
21 vides independent medical care, including with
22 respect to decisions regarding return to play;
23 and

24 (D) a certification of insurance coverage
25 for medical expenses resulting from injuries of

1 student athletes incurred during the involve-
2 ment of such student athletes in intercollegiate
3 athletics for such institution;

4 (3) maintain a grant-in-aid provided to a stu-
5 dent athlete for participating in intercollegiate ath-
6 letics during the period of that grant-in-aid for such
7 institution without regard to—

8 (A) athletic performance;

9 (B) contribution to team success;

10 (C) injury, illness, or physical or mental
11 condition; or

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

14 (4) provide degree completion assistance—

15 (A) for each former student athlete of such
16 institution—

17 (i) who received a grant-in-aid from
18 such institution for participating in inter-
19 collegiate athletics;

20 (ii) who was a student athlete at such
21 institution on or after the date of enact-
22 ment of this Act and who ceased partici-
23 pating as a student athlete for a reason
24 other than a reason described in clause (i)
25 or (ii) of subparagraph (D);

1 (iii) who has not received a bachelor's
2 degree (or an equivalent degree) from any
3 institution; and

4 (iv) for whom such institution is the
5 last institution such former student athlete
6 attended;

7 (B) that makes available to such former
8 student athlete, for the period described in sub-
9 paragraph (C) and subject to subparagraph
10 (D), financial aid in an annual amount that is
11 at least equal to the average annual grant-in-
12 aid provided to such former student athlete
13 during the period that such former student ath-
14 lete was a student athlete at such institution;

15 (C) for the period beginning on the last
16 date of the final period of enrollment during
17 which such former student athlete was a stu-
18 dent athlete at such institution and ending on
19 the date that such former student athlete com-
20 pletes a bachelor's degree (or an equivalent de-
21 gree), not to exceed 7 years; and

22 (D) that prohibits a former student athlete
23 from receiving the financial aid described in
24 subparagraph (B) if such former student ath-
25 lete—

1 (i) fails to meet the institution's aca-
2 demic progress requirements for the degree
3 program; or

4 (ii) violates the institution's code of
5 conduct; and

6 (5)(A) establish, not later than July 1, 2027,
7 and thereafter maintain, at least 16 varsity sports
8 teams in a manner that complies with section
9 106.41(c) of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations
10 (or successor regulations) (in this paragraph re-
11 ferred to as "section 106.41(c)"); or

12 (B) in the case of an institution that, on the
13 day before the date of enactment of this Act, main-
14 tains at least 14 varsity sports teams, maintain at
15 least the number of varsity sports teams such insti-
16 tution maintained on such date in a manner that
17 complies with section 106.41(c).

18 (b) COLLABORATION.—An institution may carry out
19 paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) in conjunc-
20 tion with a conference or interstate intercollegiate athletic
21 association.

22 (c) APPLICABILITY.—An institution is described in
23 this subsection if such institution reports (as required
24 under section 485(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
25 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g))) having generated not less than

1 \$25,000,000 (as adjusted on July 1 each year by the per-
2 centage increase (if any), during the preceding 12-month
3 period, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-
4 sumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) in
5 total revenue derived by the institution from the institu-
6 tion's intercollegiate athletics activities during the pre-
7 ceding academic year, as determined in accordance with
8 paragraph (1)(I) of section 485(g) of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g)), as amended by
10 this Act.

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

15 “(30) In the case of an institution described in
16 subsection (c) of section 6 of the SCORE Act, the
17 institution will comply with subsection (a) of such
18 section.”.

19 **SEC. 7. ROLES OF INTERSTATE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATH-**
20 **LETIC ASSOCIATIONS.**

21 (a) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH RULES.—An inter-
22 state intercollegiate athletic association is authorized to
23 establish and enforce rules with respect to—

24 (1) requiring a student athlete or prospective
25 student athlete to disclose, in a timely manner, the

1 terms of a name, image, and likeness agreement en-
2 tered into by such student athlete;

3 (2) establishing and implementing a process to
4 collect and publicly share aggregated and
5 anonymized data related to the name, image, and
6 likeness agreements of student athletes (without re-
7 gard to whether any such agreement includes an in-
8 stitution as a party to the agreement);

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

11 (A) such rules provide that a student ath-
12 lete does not lose eligibility to compete in inter-
13 collegiate athletic competitions while a process
14 for dispute resolution is ongoing; and

15 (B) any such process provides to a student
16 athlete written notice, an opportunity to be
17 heard before an impartial decision maker, and
18 a right to representation by counsel;

19 (4) setting parameters for the manner in which
20 and the time period during which student athletes
21 and prospective student athletes may be recruited
22 for intercollegiate athletics;

23 (5) establishing a pool limit, if such rules pro-
24 vide that such pool limit is at least 22 percent of the
25 average annual college sports revenue of the 70

1 highest earning (with respect to such revenue) mem-
2 ber institutions of such interstate intercollegiate ath-
3 letic association (or, if such interstate intercollegiate
4 athletic association has fewer than 70 members, the
5 average annual college sports revenue of all mem-
6 bers), and monitoring payments of compensation re-
7 lated to such pool limit, including by ensuring that
8 such payments are provided to a student athlete only
9 if such student athlete met the academic standards
10 described in paragraph (7) during the preceding aca-
11 demic year;

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

15 (A) on at least 1 occasion each student
16 athlete may transfer between institutions and
17 be immediately eligible to participate on a var-
18 sity sports team of the institution to which the
19 student athlete transfers (if the student athlete
20 satisfies any academic or other eligibility re-
21 quirements of the institution); and

22 (B) an institution to which a student ath-
23 lete is transferring or is considering transfer-
24 ring shall provide to such student athlete, at
25 the request of such student athlete, in writing

1 and at a reasonable time prior to completion of
2 the transfer, a notice of the previously earned
3 academic credits of such student athlete that
4 such institution will accept, including with re-
5 spect to the program of study of such student
6 athlete;

7 (7) the length of time a student athlete may
8 participate in intercollegiate athletics and the aca-
9 demic standards to participate in intercollegiate ath-
10 letics;

11 (8) establishing and implementing a process, in-
12 cluding a database, with respect to agent registra-
13 tion, including—

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

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

22 (9) the membership of, and participation in,
23 such interstate intercollegiate athletic association
24 (including any championships administered by such
25 interstate intercollegiate athletic association), under

1 which such interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-
2 tion may establish membership qualifications, re-
3 move members, and otherwise regulate participation;

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

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

14 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

15 (1) AUTHORITY CONDITIONED ON COMPLI-
16 ANCE.—An interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-
17 tion is only authorized to establish and enforce rules
18 under subsection (a) if such interstate intercollegiate
19 athletic association is in compliance with this sub-
20 section.

21 (2) GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.—An interstate
22 intercollegiate athletic association (except for an
23 interstate intercollegiate athletic association that is
24 also a conference) shall ensure that, with respect to
25 the membership of any board, committee, or other

1 similar body of such interstate intercollegiate ath-
2 letic association tasked with a decision-making role
3 (including a decision-making role with respect to es-
4 tablishing or enforcing a rule under subsection (a)),
5 not less than 20 percent of the members of the
6 board, committee, or body are individuals who are
7 student athletes or were student athletes at any
8 point during the preceding 10-year period, with—

9 (A) men and women equally represented
10 with respect to such individuals; and

11 (B) each such individual participating in or
12 having participated in a different sport.

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

14 Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this
15 Act, may be construed to limit or otherwise affect title
16 IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.
17 1681 et seq.).

18 **SEC. 9. LIABILITY LIMITATION.**

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

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-
2 section (a) may be construed to limit or otherwise affect
3 any provision of law, including any provision of Federal
4 or State law or the common law, other than the antitrust
5 laws and any similar State provision having the force and
6 effect of law.

7 **SEC. 10. EMPLOYMENT STANDING.**

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

19 **SEC. 11. STUDENT ATHLETIC FEES.**

20 (a) TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS.—

21 (1) INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ACTIVI-
22 TIES.—Section 485(a)(1)(E) of the Higher Edu-
23 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)(1)(E)) is
24 amended by inserting “(including the amount of

1 such fees used to support intercollegiate athletic pro-
2 grams)” after “and fees”.

3 (2) DATA REQUIRED.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 485(g) of the
5 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6 1092(g)) is amended—

7 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding at the
8 end the following:

9 “(K) With respect to fees charged to stu-
10 dents to support intercollegiate athletic pro-
11 grams—

12 “(i) the total amount of such fees
13 charged to students;

14 “(ii) the uses of such fees with respect
15 to facilities, operating expenses, scholar-
16 ships, payments to athletes, salaries of
17 coaches and support staff, and any other
18 expenses reported under this paragraph;
19 and

20 “(iii) the percentage of the total cost
21 of such programs covered by such fees.”;
22 and

23 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

24 (I) by striking the period at the
25 end and inserting “; and”;

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

3 “that—

4 “(A) all students”; and

5 (III) by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(B) with respect to the information de-
8 scribed in paragraph (1)(K), the institution
9 shall annually publish such information on a
10 publicly available website of the institution not
11 later than October 15 following the end of each
12 fiscal year of the institution.”.

13 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
14 made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect on
15 July 1, 2026, and shall apply with respect to
16 academic year 2026–2027 and each succeeding
17 academic year.

18 (b) RESTRICTING STUDENT FEES FOR HIGH-MEDIA-
19 RIGHTS-REVENUE INSTITUTIONS.—

20 (1) MEDIA RIGHTS REVENUES.—Section
21 485(g)(1)(I)(ii) of the Higher Education Act of
22 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g)(1)(I)(ii)) is amended by
23 striking “broadcast revenues” and inserting “media
24 rights revenues (including revenues from broad-

1 casting, streaming, or digital distribution of inter-
2 collegiate athletic events)”.
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4 (2) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.—
5 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
6 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)), as amended by this Act, is fur-
7 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(31)(A) Beginning in academic year 2028–
9 2029, and each succeeding academic year, the insti-
10 tution will determine the average annual media
11 rights revenue of such institution by averaging the
12 media rights revenues reported under section
13 485(g)(1)(I) for the second and third preceding aca-
14 demic years.

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

1 **SEC. 12. PREEMPTION.**

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

6 (1) governs or regulates the compensation, pay-
7 ment, benefits, or employment status of a student
8 athlete (including a prospective student athlete) with
9 respect to participation in intercollegiate athletics,
10 including any law, rule, regulation, requirement,
11 standard, or other provision that relates to—

12 (A) the right of a student athlete to receive
13 compensation or other payments or benefits di-
14 rectly or indirectly from any institution, associ-
15 ated entity or individual, conference, or inter-
16 state intercollegiate athletic association;

17 (B) the length of time a student athlete
18 may participate in intercollegiate athletics or
19 the academic standards to participate in inter-
20 collegiate athletics;

21 (C) recruitment with respect to intercolle-
22 giate athletics;

23 (D) student athlete transfers between insti-
24 tutions with respect to intercollegiate athletics;
25 or

1 (E) intercollegiate athletic playing seasons
2 regarding rules with respect to season length,
3 maximum number of contests, and student ath-
4 lete time demands (whether during a playing
5 season or outside of such season);

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

9 (3) requires a release of or license to use the
10 name, image, and likeness rights of any individual
11 participant, or group of participants, in an inter-
12 collegiate athletic competition (or an individual spec-
13 tator or group of spectators at an intercollegiate
14 athletic competition) for purposes of audio-visual,
15 audio, or visual broadcasts or other distributions of
16 such intercollegiate athletic competition.

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

22 **SEC. 13. REPORTS.**

23 (a) COMPLIANCE REPORTING.—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every
25 2 years thereafter, each interstate intercollegiate athletic

1 association shall submit to the appropriate congressional
2 committees a report that includes—

3 (1) a summary of the issues faced by such
4 interstate intercollegiate athletic association relating
5 to compliance with this Act, including the amend-
6 ments made by this Act;

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

10 (3) recommendations to improve the health,
11 safety, and educational opportunities of student ath-
12 letes.

13 (b) STUDY ON OLYMPIC SPORTS.—

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

16 (A) to assess the impact of this Act, in-
17 cluding the amendments made by this Act, on
18 Olympic Sports, including the funding of Olym-
19 pic Sports; and

20 (B) to develop recommendations for sup-
21 port of Olympic Sports, given the unique nature
22 of Olympic Sports and intercollegiate athletics
23 in the United States.

24 (2) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under
25 paragraph (1) shall include—

1 (A) a survey of international models of
2 support for Olympic Sports, including models
3 that could be adapted to the unique nature of
4 Olympic Sports and intercollegiate athletics in
5 the United States;

6 (B) an analysis of how participation in
7 youth sports programs affects the pipeline to
8 participation in Olympic Sports at institutions,
9 including trends with respect to specialization
10 and youth sports access and the effect of such
11 trends on the long-term development of Olympic
12 Sports;

13 (C) an examination of the role of the
14 United States Olympic & Paralympic Com-
15 mittee in promoting Olympic Sports at the
16 youth and institutional levels and the feasibility
17 of the Committee to provide support to institu-
18 tions for the purpose of enhancing Olympic
19 Sports;

20 (D) an analysis of the coordination re-
21 quired to develop and cultivate Olympic Sports
22 at institutions;

23 (E) an analysis of the trends with respect
24 to roster sizes for Olympic Sports at institu-
25 tions, with a focus on institutions that invest

1 the largest amounts in intercollegiate athletics;
2 and

3 (F) an evaluation of the participation of
4 international student athletes in Olympic
5 Sports.

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

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
13 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means each of the following:

15 (A) In the House of Representatives—

16 (i) the Committee on Education and
17 Workforce;

18 (ii) the Committee on Energy and
19 Commerce; and

20 (iii) the Committee on the Judiciary.

21 (B) In the Senate—

22 (i) the Committee on Commerce,
23 Science, and Transportation;

24 (ii) the Committee on Health, Edu-
25 cation, Labor, and Pensions; and

1 (iii) the Committee on the Judiciary.

2 (2) OLYMPIC SPORTS.—The term “Olympic
3 Sports” means the sports contested during the Sum-
4 mer and Winter Olympic Games, as determined by
5 the Comptroller General in consultation with the
6 Chair and Ranking Member of each of the appro-
7 priate congressional committees.

