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To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of student athletes and to promote fair competition with respect to intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. FIGURES, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. FRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of student athletes and to promote fair competition with respect to intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) AGENT.—The term “agent”—

4 (A) means an individual who represents a
5 student athlete with respect to a name, image,
6 and likeness agreement or another agreement
7 for compensation related to the participation of
8 such student athlete on a varsity sports team;
9 and

10 (B) does not include an immediate family
11 member of a student athlete, unless the imme-
12 diate family member receives payment for rep-
13 resentation described in subparagraph (A).

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 sec-
17 tion 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15
18 U.S.C. 45) to the extent that such section 5 applies
19 to unfair methods of competition.

20 (3) ASSOCIATED ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL.—The
21 term “associated entity or individual” means, with
22 respect to an institution—

23 (A) an entity that is known or should be
24 known to the employees of the athletic depart-
25 ment of such institution to exist, in significant
26 part, for the purpose of—

1 (i) promoting or supporting the var-
2 sity sports teams or student athletes of
3 such institution; or

4 (ii) creating or identifying opportuni-
5 ties relating to name, image, and likeness
6 agreements solely for the student athletes
7 of such institution;

8 (B) an individual who is or has been a
9 member, employee, director, officer, owner, or
10 other representative of an entity described in
11 subparagraph (A);

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

24 (D) an individual or entity who—

1 (i) is directed or requested by the em-
2 ployees of the athletic department of such
3 institution to assist in the recruitment or
4 retention of prospective student athletes or
5 student athletes, respectively; or

6 (ii) otherwise assists in such recruit-
7 ment or retention; or

8 (E) any entity (other than a publicly trad-
9 ed corporation) owned, controlled, operated by,
10 or otherwise affiliated with an individual or en-
11 tity described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or
12 (D).

13 (4) COLLEGE SPORTS REVENUE.—The term
14 “college sports revenue” means any revenue (without
15 regard to ownership or legal title to such revenue)
16 received by an institution with respect to intercolle-
17 giate athletics—

18 (A) from the sale of admission to inter-
19 collegiate athletic competitions or any other
20 event involving a varsity sports team, including
21 actual monetary revenue received by or for the
22 benefit of such institution for a suite license
23 (unless such suite license is associated with phi-
24 lanthropy or any purpose not related to inter-

1 collegiate athletic competitions, including a con-
2 cert);

3 (B) from participation by the varsity
4 sports teams of such institution in intercolle-
5 giate athletic competitions held at other institu-
6 tions, including payments received due to can-
7 cellations of such intercollegiate athletic com-
8 petitions;

9 (C) for radio, television, internet, digital,
10 and e-commerce rights, including revenue relat-
11 ing to media rights distributed by a conference
12 to members of the conference, if applicable;

13 (D) from an interstate intercollegiate ath-
14 letic association, including any grant, distribu-
15 tion of revenue, reimbursement relating to trav-
16 el with respect to a championship of such inter-
17 state intercollegiate athletic association, and
18 payment for hosting such a championship;

19 (E) generated by a post-season football
20 bowl, including any distribution of revenue by a
21 conference to members of the conference and
22 any other payment related to the participation
23 of such institution in such post-season football
24 bowl, including for ticket sales and reimburse-
25 ment of expenses;

1 (F) from a conference, other than any rev-
2 enue otherwise described in this paragraph;

3 (G) for sponsorships, licensing agreements,
4 advertisements, royalties, and in-kind products
5 and services as part of a sponsorship agree-
6 ment; and

7 (H) relating to any additional form of rev-
8 enue an interstate intercollegiate athletic asso-
9 ciation uses with respect to the pool limit of
10 such interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-
11 tion.

12 (5) COMPENSATION.—The term “compensa-
13 tion”—

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

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

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

24 (B) does not include—

25 (i) grants-in-aid;

1 (ii) Federal Pell Grants and other
2 Federal or State grants unrelated to and
3 not awarded with regard to participation in
4 intercollegiate athletics;

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

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

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

21 (vi) payment of hourly wages and ben-
22 efits for work actually performed (and not
23 for participation in intercollegiate ath-
24 letics) at a rate commensurate with the

1 going rate in the locality of an institution
2 for similar work;

3 (vii) academic awards paid to student
4 athletes by institutions;

5 (viii) provision of financial literacy or
6 tax education resources and guidance; or

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

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

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

18 (6) CONFERENCE.—The term “conference”
19 means an entity that—

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

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

1 (C) sets rules with respect to such inter-
2 collegiate athletic competitions and champion-
3 ships.

4 (7) COST OF ATTENDANCE.—The term “cost of
5 attendance”—

6 (A) has the meaning given such term in
7 section 472 of the Higher Education Act of
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ll); and

9 (B) is calculated by the financial aid office
10 of an institution applying the same standards,
11 policies, and procedures for all students.

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 same meaning given the term “institution of
5 higher education” in section 101 of the Higher Edu-
6 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

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 eligibility requirements for participation
16 by student athletes are established by a con-
17 ference or an interstate intercollegiate athletic
18 association; and

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

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

24 (A) any entity incorporated in the United
25 States 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 6; 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—

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) for any license or use of the name,
15 image, and likeness rights of such student ath-
16 lete or prospective student athlete (or any other
17 license or use), unless the license or use is for
18 a valid business purpose related to the pro-
19 motion or endorsement of goods or services pro-
20 vided to the general public for profit, with com-
21 pensation 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; and

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

17 (c) RIGHT TO PRIVACY.—Except as provided by this
18 Act, no institution, conference, or interstate intercollegiate
19 athletic association may release information disclosed to
20 such entity by a student athlete with respect to a name,
21 image, and likeness agreement without the express written
22 consent of such student athlete.

23 **SEC. 4. SPORTS AGENT RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUST ACT.**

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

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

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

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

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

13 “(1) whether the athlete agent is registered
14 with an interstate intercollegiate athletic association
15 (as defined in section 2 of the SCORE Act); and

16 “(2) if the athlete agent is registered with an
17 interstate intercollegiate athletic association, whether
18 the athlete agent is registered with the interstate
19 intercollegiate athletic association that has as a
20 member the institution (as defined in section 2 of
21 the SCORE Act) at which the student athlete is en-
22 rolled.

23 “(b) CONSENT.—In the case of an athlete agent who
24 is not registered with an interstate intercollegiate athletic
25 association, the athlete agent may only assist a student

1 athlete with an endorsement contract if the student athlete
2 (or, in the case of a student athlete who is under 18 years
3 of age, the parent or guardian of the student athlete) pro-
4 vides to the athlete agent written consent for such assist-
5 ance after receiving the disclosure under subsection (a).

6 “(c) ENFORCEMENT.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If an attorney general of a
8 State has reason to believe that an interest of the
9 residents of that State has been or is threatened or
10 adversely affected by the engagement of any athlete
11 agent in a practice that violates this section, the at-
12 torney general may bring a civil action pursuant to
13 section 5 in the same manner as the attorney gen-
14 eral may bring a civil action with respect to a viola-
15 tion of section 3.

16 “(2) SOLE AUTHORITY.—No individual or enti-
17 ty other than an attorney general of a State may en-
18 force this section.

19 “(3) NO FEDERAL NOTICE NECESSARY.—Sub-
20 sections (a)(2), (b), and (d) of section 5 do not
21 apply to an action brought by an attorney general of
22 a State pursuant to this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN INSTITU-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—An institution described in
4 subsection (c) shall—

5 (1) provide comprehensive academic support
6 and career counseling services to student athletes
7 that include life skills development programs with
8 respect to—

9 (A) mental health, including alcohol and
10 substance abuse;

11 (B) strength and conditioning;

12 (C) nutrition;

13 (D) name, image, and likeness rights, in-
14 cluding related legal advice;

15 (E) financial literacy, including taxes;

16 (F) career readiness and counseling;

17 (G) the process for transferring between
18 institutions; and

19 (H) sexual violence prevention;

20 (2) provide medical and health benefits to stu-
21 dent athletes that include—

22 (A) medical care, including payment of
23 out-of-pocket expenses, for an injury of a stu-
24 dent athlete incurred during the involvement of
25 such student athlete in intercollegiate athletics
26 for such institution that is available to the stu-

1 dent athlete during the period of enrollment of
2 the student athlete with such institution and a
3 period of at least 3 years following graduation
4 or separation from such institution (unless such
5 separation is due to violation of a code of con-
6 duct);

7 (B) mental health services and support, in-
8 cluding mental health educational materials and
9 resources;

10 (C) an administrative structure that pro-
11 vides independent medical care, including with
12 respect to decisions regarding return to play;
13 and

14 (D) a certification of insurance coverage
15 for medical expenses resulting from injuries of
16 student athletes incurred during the involve-
17 ment of such student athletes in intercollegiate
18 athletics for such institution;

19 (3) maintain a grant-in-aid provided to a stu-
20 dent athlete in relation to the involvement of such
21 student athlete in intercollegiate athletics during the
22 period of that grant-in-aid for such institution with-
23 out regard to—

24 (A) athletic performance;

25 (B) contribution to team success;

1 (C) injury, illness, or physical or mental
2 condition; or

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

5 (4) provide a degree completion program—

6 (A) for each former student athlete of such
7 institution who received a grant-in-aid from
8 such institution and did not graduate from such
9 institution; and

10 (B) that provides financial aid to such
11 former student athlete in an amount that is
12 based on the average annual grant-in-aid pro-
13 vided to such former student athlete during the
14 period that such former student athlete partici-
15 pated on a varsity sports team of the institu-
16 tion; and

17 (5) establish, not later than July 1, 2027, and
18 thereafter maintain, at least 16 varsity sports teams.

19 (b) COLLABORATION.—An institution may carry out
20 subsection (a) in conjunction with a conference or inter-
21 state intercollegiate athletic association.

22 (c) APPLICABILITY.—An institution is described in
23 this subsection if any member of the coaching staff of a
24 varsity sports team of such institution earns more than
25 \$250,000 in base salary annually (as adjusted on July 1

1 each year by the percentage increase (if any), during the
 2 preceding 12-month period, in the Consumer Price Index
 3 for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of
 4 Labor Statistics).

5 **SEC. 6. ROLES OF INTERSTATE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATH-**
 6 **LETIC ASSOCIATIONS.**

7 An interstate intercollegiate athletic association is au-
 8 thorized to establish and enforce rules with respect to—

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

13 (2) establishing and implementing a process to
 14 collect and publicly share aggregated and
 15 anonymized data related to the name, image, and
 16 likeness agreements of student athletes;

17 (3) prohibited compensation, including proc-
 18 esses for dispute resolution and penalties, if such
 19 rules provide that a student athlete does not lose eli-
 20 gibility to compete in intercollegiate athletic competi-
 21 tions while a process for dispute resolution is ongo-
 22 ing;

23 (4) setting parameters for the manner in which
 24 and the time period during which student athletes

1 and prospective student athletes may be recruited
2 for intercollegiate athletics;

3 (5) calculating a pool limit, if such rules provide
4 that such pool limit is at least 22 percent of the av-
5 erage annual college sports revenue of the 70 highest
6 earning (with respect to such revenue) member insti-
7 tutions of such interstate intercollegiate athletic as-
8 sociation (or, if such interstate intercollegiate ath-
9 letic association has fewer than 70 members, the av-
10 erage annual college sports revenue of all members),
11 and monitoring payments of compensation related to
12 such pool limit;

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

16 (A) on at least 1 occasion each student
17 athlete may transfer between institutions and
18 be immediately eligible; and

19 (B) an institution to which a student ath-
20 lete is transferring or is considering transfer-
21 ring shall provide to such student athlete, at
22 the request of such student athlete, in writing
23 and at a reasonable time prior to completion of
24 the transfer, a notice of the previously earned
25 academic credits of such student athlete that

1 such institution will accept, including with re-
2 spect to the program of study of such student
3 athlete;

4 (7) the eligibility of a student athlete to partici-
5 pate in intercollegiate athletics, such as rules with
6 respect to the length of time a student athlete is eli-
7 gible to compete and academic standards for eligi-
8 bility;

9 (8) establishing and implementing a process for
10 agent registration, including—

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

14 (B) limiting the amount of the compensa-
15 tion under a name, image, and likeness agree-
16 ment between a student athlete and an institu-
17 tion that may be provided to the agent of such
18 student athlete to not more than 5 percent of
19 such compensation;

20 (9) the membership of, and participation in,
21 such interstate intercollegiate athletic association,
22 including any championships administered by such
23 interstate intercollegiate athletic association, under
24 which such interstate intercollegiate athletic associa-
25 tion may establish membership qualifications, re-

1 move members, and otherwise regulate participation;
2 and

3 (10) intercollegiate athletic competitions and
4 playing seasons, including rules with respect to sea-
5 son length, maximum number of contests, and stu-
6 dent athlete time demands (whether during a play-
7 ing season or outside of such season).

8 **SEC. 7. LIABILITY LIMITATION.**

9 Compliance with this Act and the adoption of, agree-
10 ment to, compliance with, or enforcement of any rule, reg-
11 ulation, requirement, standard, or other provision estab-
12 lished pursuant to, or in compliance with, this Act shall
13 be treated as lawful under the antitrust laws and any simi-
14 lar State law, rule, regulation, requirement, standard, or
15 other provision having the force and effect of law.

16 **SEC. 8. EMPLOYMENT STANDING.**

17 Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or
18 State law, no individual may be considered an employee
19 of an institution, a conference, or an interstate intercolle-
20 giate athletic association based on the participation of
21 such individual on a varsity sports team or in an inter-
22 collegiate athletic competition as a student athlete, with-
23 out regard to the existence of rules or requirements for
24 being a member of such team or for participating in such
25 competition.

1 **SEC. 9. STUDENT ATHLETIC FEES.**

2 (a) **TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS.—**

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

8 (2) **DATA REQUIRED.—**

9 (A) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 485(g) of the
10 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
11 1092(g)) is amended—
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13 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding at the
14 end the following:

15 “(K) With respect to fees charged to stu-
16 dents to support intercollegiate athletic pro-
17 grams—

18 “(i) the total amount of such fees
19 charged to students;

20 “(ii) the uses of such fees with respect
21 to facilities, operating expenses, scholar-
22 ships, payments to athletes, salaries of
23 coaches and support staff, and any other
24 expenses reported under this paragraph;
25 and

1 “(iii) the percentage of the total cost
 2 of such programs covered by such fees.”;
 3 and

4 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

5 (I) by striking the period at the
 6 end and inserting “; and”;

7 (II) by striking “that all stu-
 8 dents” and inserting the following:
 9 “that—

10 “(A) all students”; and

11 (III) by adding at the end the
 12 following:

13 “(B) with respect to the information de-
 14 scribed in paragraph (1)(K), the institution
 15 shall annually publish such information on a
 16 publicly available website of the institution not
 17 later than October 15 following the end of each
 18 fiscal year of the institution.”.

19 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
 20 made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect and
 21 apply beginning on July 1, 2026.

22 (b) RESTRICTING STUDENT FEES FOR HIGH-MEDIA-
 23 RIGHTS-REVENUE INSTITUTIONS.—

24 (1) MEDIA RIGHTS REVENUES.—Section
 25 485(g)(1)(I)(ii) of the Higher Education Act of

1 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)(1)(I)(ii)) is amended by
2 striking “broadcast revenues” and inserting “media
3 rights revenues (including revenues from broad-
4 casting, streaming, or digital distribution of inter-
5 collegiate athletic events)”.

6 (2) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.—
7 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

10 “(30) In the case of an institution that, for the
11 most recently completed fiscal year, had annual
12 media rights revenues (as described in section
13 485(g)(1)(I)(ii)) of \$50,000,000 or more, the insti-
14 tution will not, for the fiscal year immediately fol-
15 lowing such fiscal year, use student fees to support
16 intercollegiate athletic programs, including with re-
17 spect to facilities, operating expenses (as defined in
18 section 485(g)), scholarships, payments to athletes,
19 salaries of coaches and support staff, and any other
20 expenses reported under section 485(g)(1).”.

21 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
22 by this subsection shall take effect and apply begin-
23 ning on July 1, 2026.

1 **SEC. 10. PREEMPTION.**

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

6 (1) governs or regulates the compensation, pay-
7 ment, benefits, employment status, or eligibility of a
8 student athlete (including a prospective student ath-
9 lete) with respect to participation in intercollegiate
10 athletics, including any law, rule, regulation, require-
11 ment, standard, or other provision that relates to the
12 right of a student athlete to receive compensation or
13 other payments or benefits directly or indirectly
14 from any institution, associated entity or individual,
15 conference, or interstate intercollegiate athletic asso-
16 ciation;

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

20 (3) requires a release of or license to use the
21 name, image, and likeness rights of any individual
22 participant, or group of participants, in an inter-
23 collegiate athletic competition (or an individual spec-
24 tator or group of spectators at an intercollegiate
25 athletic competition) for purposes of audio-visual,

- 1 audio, or visual broadcasts or other distributions of
- 2 such intercollegiate athletic competition; or
- 3 (4) is otherwise related to this Act.

