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S. 5392

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Mr. HUSTED introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Training and Edu-
5 cation for American Members in University Sports and
6 Athletics Act” or the “TEAM USA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Institutions of higher education receive and
4 benefit from Federal financial assistance primarily
5 to provide educational opportunities for American
6 students.

7 (2) Participation in intercollegiate athletics pro-
8 vides significant educational, financial, leadership,
9 and career opportunities for student athletes.

10 (3) Increasing recruitment of international stu-
11 dent athletes has reduced roster and scholarship op-
12 portunities for American student athletes at institu-
13 tions receiving Federal financial assistance.

14 (4) This reduction has limited opportunities for
15 American students to obtain athletic financial aid
16 and the educational benefits associated with inter-
17 collegiate athletics.

18 (5) Intercollegiate athletics has historically
19 served as an important development pathway for
20 athletes representing the United States in Olympic
21 and international competition, yet many National
22 Collegiate Athletic Association-affiliated student ath-
23 letes compete for nations other than the United
24 States.

25 (6) Preserving the substantial majority of inter-
26 collegiate athletic opportunities for American stu-

1 dent athletes while continuing to permit meaningful
 2 participation by international student athletes ad-
 3 vances the educational purposes of the Higher Edu-
 4 cation Act of 1965.

5 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATH-**
 6 **LETE PARTICIPATION IN VARSITY SPORTS.**

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

10 “(30)(A) The institution will, with respect to
 11 each varsity sports team of the institution—

12 “(i) ensure that not more than 20 percent
 13 of the student athletes on the official roster of
 14 such varsity sports team are international stu-
 15 dent athletes, or, in the case of such a varsity
 16 sports team with fewer than 10 student ath-
 17 letes, no more than 1 international student ath-
 18 lete is on such roster; and

19 “(ii) annually report the percentage of stu-
 20 dent athletes that are international student ath-
 21 letes on the official roster of such team to the
 22 Secretary and the applicable athletic associa-
 23 tion.

24 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph:

1 “(i) The term ‘athletic association’ means
2 any entity that—

3 “(I) sets common rules, standards,
4 procedures, or guidelines for the adminis-
5 tration and regulation of varsity sports
6 teams or intercollegiate athletic competi-
7 tions;

8 “(II) is composed of 2 or more insti-
9 tutions or conferences located in more than
10 1 State; and

11 “(III) does not include any entity af-
12 filiated with professional athletic competi-
13 tions.

14 “(ii) The term ‘intercollegiate athletic com-
15 petition’ means any contest, game, meet, match,
16 tournament, regatta, or other event in which
17 varsity sports teams of more than 1 institution
18 compete.

19 “(iii) The term ‘international student ath-
20 lete’ means a student enrolled at an institution
21 who is on a varsity sports team of the institu-
22 tion and who—

23 “(I) is not a United States national or
24 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent
25 residency (as such terms are defined in

1 section 101(a) of the Immigration and Na-
2 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)); or

3 “(II) is receiving, or has received, a
4 salary, scholarship, or other form of finan-
5 cial assistance related to the student’s ath-
6 letic participation from an Olympic or
7 Paralympic committee of a foreign country.

8 “(iv) The term ‘varsity sports team’ means
9 an entity composed of an individual or group of
10 individuals enrolled at an institution that is or-
11 ganized by such institution for the purpose of
12 participation in intercollegiate athletic competi-
13 tions.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this Act shall take effect on July 1, 2029, and shall apply
16 with respect to academic year 2029–2030 and each suc-
17 ceeding academic year.

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