

(B) supported by advertisements.
(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—
(A) a minor league team; or
(B) a league with fewer than 8 teams.
(3) ENFORCEMENT.—
(A) ENFORCEMENT BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.—The Federal Communications Commission shall have jurisdiction over complaints alleging a violation of paragraph (1).

(B) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an attorney general of a State has reason to believe that an interest of the residents of that State has been or is threatened or adversely affected by the engagement of any person in an act or practice that violates this section or a regulation promulgated under this section, the attorney general of the State may, as parens patriae, bring a civil action on behalf of the residents of the State in an appropriate district court of the United States to—

(I) enjoin that act or practice;
(II) enforce compliance with this section or the regulation;

(III) on behalf of residents of the State, obtain damages, restitution, or other compensation, each of which shall be distributed in accordance with State law; or

(IV) obtain such other relief as the court may consider to be appropriate.

(ii) REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES.—In a civil action brought under clause (i) in which the plaintiff prevails, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees, including litigation expenses, and costs reasonably incurred.

SA 6785. Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 121 and insert the following:
SEC. 121. RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No State or political subdivision of a State may adopt, maintain, enforce, or continue in effect any law, regulation, rule, requirement, or standard that—

(1) directly governs, regulates, or invalidates policies or rules of an institution, a conference, or an intercollegiate athletic association that regulates—

(A) the compensation to a student athlete or prospective student athlete for the use of their name, image, or likeness, except as necessary to comply with this title;

(B) transfers of student athletes between institutions; or

(C) any provision described in subsection (a)(1)–(3) or (b) of section 113 with respect to the eligibility of a student athlete to participate in intercollegiate athletics; or

(2) has the primary purpose and effect of directly governing, regulating, or invalidating policies or rules of an institution, a conference, or an intercollegiate athletic association with respect to anything described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1).

(b) PRESERVATION OF STATE LAWS.—Subject to subsection (a), nothing in this Act shall preempt any State law, regulation, rule, requirement, or standard with respect to the following:

- (1) Uniform Athlete Agent Acts.
- (2) Civil rights laws.

- (3) Tort law.
- (4) Criminal law.
- (5) Laws that relate to student or campus safety.
- (6) Fraud.
- (7) Privacy or data breach.
- (8) Contract law.
- (9) Trademark law.
- (10) Copyright law.
- (11) Consumer protection law.
- (12) Personal injury, including psychological injury.
- (13) Wrongful death.
- (14) Property damage.
- (15) Sexual assault.
- (16) Injury.
- (17) Harassment.

(18) Any cause of action derivative of any of paragraphs (12) through (17).

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) ANTITRUST LAWS.—To the extent liability for violations of the antitrust laws is not limited by this title, subsection (a) shall not be construed to preempt, displace, or supplant the antitrust laws.

(2) FEDERAL TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT LAW.—Nothing in this title or the amendments made by this title may be construed to override, modify, or amend the applicability of Federal trademark or copyright law.

SA 6786. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION WITH PRIVATE EQUITY FIRMS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED FIRM.—The term “covered firm” means an entity that would be considered an investment company under section 3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–3) but for the application of paragraph (1) or (7) of subsection (c) of such section 3.

(2) INSTITUTION; INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMPETITION; STUDENT ATHLETE.—The terms “institution”, “intercollegiate athletic competition”, and “student athlete” have the meanings given those terms in section 8 of the Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961, as redesignated by section 201(b)(1) of this Act.

(b) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, or any amendment made by this title, an institution may not participate with a covered firm in any capacity with respect to—

(1) the sale, licensing, or other conveyance of media rights for intercollegiate athletic competitions; or

(2) the operation of an intercollegiate sports program at the institution, including with respect to coaching, recruiting, scheduling, or the support of student athletes.

SA 6787. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 125(c)(4), strike “4” and insert “9”.

SA 6788. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 119, strike subsection (c) and insert the following:

(c) RELIEF.—In a civil action brought under subsection (a) in which the plaintiff prevails, the court may award the plaintiff—

(1) threefold the damages sustained by the plaintiff;

(2) the costs to the plaintiff of bringing the civil action, including a reasonable attorney's fee; and

(3) any other relief, including equitable relief or declaratory relief, that the court determines appropriate.

SA 6789. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title III, strike section 306(4) and all that follows through the end of the title and insert the following:

(4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(A) a part B institution;

(B) an institution or program listed under section 326(e)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1063b(e)(1)); or

(C) any other institution described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

(5) HBCU ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.—The term “HBCU athletic conference” means a conference the membership of which consists predominantly of part B institutions.

(6) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION; CONFERENCE.—The terms “intercollegiate athletic association” and “conference” have the meanings given those terms in section 100 of this Act.

(7) PART B INSTITUTION.—The term “Part B institution” has the meaning given the term in section 322 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

(8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Education.

(9) STATE.—The term “State” has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003).

SEC. 307. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$360,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032.

SA 6790. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4668, to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 118(a), strike paragraphs (1) and (2) and insert the following:

(1) section 114, except, if the covered settlement agreement (as defined in section 115(g)) expires or terminates but no joint resolution of approval relating to the notice of that expiration or termination is enacted into law during the applicable congressional approval period under section 115, the provisions relating to the revenue share cap and the retention fund;