

(A) a report under paragraph (1); or

(B) any other report relating to abuse of any amateur athlete, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

(b) DEFINITION OF APPLICABLE AMATEUR SPORTS ORGANIZATION.—In this section, the term “applicable amateur sports organization” means an amateur sports organization—

(1) that is not otherwise subject to the requirements under subchapter III;

(2) that participates in an interstate or international amateur athletic competition; and

(3) whose membership includes any adult who is in regular contact with an amateur athlete who is a minor.

(Added Pub. L. 115–126, title II, §204(a), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 324; amended Pub. L. 116–189, §7(f), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 960.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(f)(1), inserted “, including communications,” after “interactions”.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(f)(2), substituted “makes—” and subpars. (A) and (B) for “makes a report under paragraph (1).”

§ 220530A. Annual report on equal treatment of athletes

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than annually, each national governing body shall submit to the corporation and Congress a report on the compliance of the national governing body with paragraphs (7) and (8) of section 220524(a).

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall include detailed information on the median, minimum, and maximum stipends and bonuses provided to athletes, disaggregated by gender, race, and, as applicable, status of participation on a professional sports team.

(Added Pub. L. 117–340, §2(b)(2)(A), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6177.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

RULE OF CONSTRUCTION

For construction of Pub. L. 117–340 as it pertains to certain rights of athletes, see section 2(d) of Pub. L. 117–340, set out as a note under section 220505 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER III—GRANT TO KEEP YOUNG ATHLETES SAFE

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Another subchapter III (§220541 et seq.) relating to United States Center for SafeSport was redesignated subchapter IV of this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–141, div. S, title III, §302(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1127, added subchapter heading.

§ 220531. Grant to protect young athletes from abuse

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Attorney General may award a grant to an eligible nonprofit non-

governmental entity in order to support oversight of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and each national governing body with regard to safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in sports.

(b) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a nonprofit nongovernmental entity shall submit an application to the Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Attorney General may require, including information that demonstrates that the entity has—

(1) nationally recognized expertise in preventing and investigating emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in the athletic programs of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and each national governing body; and

(2) the capacity to oversee regular and random audits to ensure that the policies and procedures used by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and each national governing body to prevent and identify the abuse of an amateur athlete are followed correctly.

(c) USE OF GRANT AMOUNT.—An entity that receives a grant under this section may use such funds—

(1) to develop and test new training materials for emotional, physical, and sexual abuse prevention and identification education in youth athletic programs;

(2) for staff salaries, travel expenses, equipment, printing, and other reasonable expenses necessary to develop, maintain, and disseminate to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, each national governing body, and other amateur sports organizations information about safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse in sports; and

(3) to oversee the administration of the procedures described in subsection (b)(2).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$2,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF GRANT FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.

(Added Pub. L. 115–141, div. S, title III, §302(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1127; amended Pub. L. 116–189, §§4(a)(11), 7(a)(2)(A)(vi), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 946, 957.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116–189, §7(a)(2)(A)(vi)(I), substituted “and each national governing body” for “, each national governing body, and each paralympic sports organization” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 116–189, §4(a)(11), substituted “United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee” for “United States Olympic Committee” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116–189, §7(a)(2)(A)(vi)(II), struck out “each paralympic sports organization,” after “each national governing body,”.

SUBCHAPTER IV—UNITED STATES CENTER
FOR SAFESPORT

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-189, §§5(a)(1), 8(a)(2), Oct. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 946, 966, redesignated this subchapter, formerly subchapter III, as subchapter IV and substituted “SAFESPORT” for “SAFE SPORT” in heading.

2018—Pub. L. 115-126, title II, §202(a), Feb. 14, 2018, 132 Stat. 320, added subchapter heading.

§ 220541. Designation of United States Center for SafeSport

(a) DUTIES OF CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Center for SafeSport shall—

(A) serve as the independent national safe sport organization and be recognized worldwide as the independent national safe sport organization for the United States;

(B) exercise jurisdiction over the corporation and each national governing body with regard to safeguarding amateur athletes against abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, in sports;

(C) maintain an office for education and outreach that shall develop training, oversight practices, policies, and procedures to prevent the abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, of amateur athletes participating in amateur athletic activities through national governing bodies;

(D) maintain an office for response and resolution that shall establish mechanisms that allow for the reporting, investigation, and resolution, pursuant to subsection (c), of alleged sexual abuse in violation of the Center’s policies and procedures;

(E) ensure that the mechanisms under subparagraph (D) provide fair notice and an opportunity to be heard and protect the privacy and safety of complainants;

(F) maintain an office for compliance and audit that shall—

(i) ensure that the national governing bodies and the corporation implement and follow the policies and procedures developed by the Center to prevent and promptly report instances of abuse of amateur athletes, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse; and

(ii) establish mechanisms that allow for the reporting and investigation of alleged violations of such policies and procedures;

(G) publish and maintain a publicly accessible internet website that contains a comprehensive list of adults who are barred by the Center; and

(H) ensure that any action taken by the Center against an individual under the jurisdiction of the Center, including an investigation, the imposition of sanctions, and any other disciplinary action, is carried out in a manner that provides procedural due process to the individual, including, at a minimum—

(i) the provision of written notice of the allegations against the individual;

(ii) a right to be represented by counsel or other advisor;

(iii) an opportunity to be heard during the investigation;

(iv) in a case in which a violation is found, a reasoned written decision by the Center; and

(v) the ability to challenge, in a hearing or through arbitration, interim measures or sanctions imposed by the Center.

(2) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed—

(A) to preclude the Center from imposing interim measures or sanctions on an individual before an opportunity for a hearing or arbitration;

(B) to require the Center to meet a burden of proof higher than the preponderance of the evidence;

(C) to give rise to a claim under State law or to create a private right of action; or

(D) to render the Center a state actor.

(b) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—The policies and procedures developed under subsection (a)(1)(C) shall apply as though they were incorporated in and made a part of section 220524 of this title.

(c) BINDING ARBITRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Center may, in its discretion, utilize a neutral arbitration body and develop policies and procedures to resolve allegations of sexual abuse within its jurisdiction to determine the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official, who is the subject of such an allegation, to participate in amateur athletic competition.

(2) PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as altering, superseding, or otherwise affecting the right of an individual within the Center’s jurisdiction to pursue civil remedies through the courts for personal injuries arising from abuse in violation of the Center’s policies and procedures, nor shall the Center condition the participation of any such individual in a proceeding described in paragraph (1) upon an agreement not to pursue such civil remedies.

(d) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), an applicable entity shall not be liable for damages in any civil action for defamation, libel, slander, or damage to reputation arising out of any action or communication, if the action arises from the execution of the responsibilities or functions described in this section, section 220542, or section 220543.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in any action in which an applicable entity acted with actual malice, or provided information or took action not pursuant to this section, section 220542, or section 220543.

(3) REMOVAL TO FEDERAL COURT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Any civil action brought in a State court against the Center relating to the responsibilities of the Center under this section, section 220542, or section 220543, shall be removed, on request by the Center, to the district court of the United States in the district in which the action was brought, and such district court shall have original