

UNITED STATES CONGRESS – COLLEGE ATHLETICS AND OLYMPIC SPORTS BILLS
Updated as of September, 2022

The following listing of bills filed during the 116th (2019-20) and 117th (2021-2022) sessions of Congress represent the most likely bills to be considered during the 117th Congress. We anticipate that the 116th Congress bills listed are those most likely to be refiled in 2022 prior to the end of the session. Those bills without bill numbers have been recently filed and have not yet been assigned a number. If you enter the bill title at <https://www.congress.gov/>. Olympic sports bills are included because these will affect college athletes who participate in Olympic development programs or are being considered for U.S. national teams. Many bills categorized as NIL or athletes' rights legislation include gender equity elements.

NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL)/ATHLETES RIGHTS/HEALTH-SAFETY

H.R.3379 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Modernizing the Collegiate Student Athlete Experience Act
Sponsor: [Rep. Chabot, Steve \[R-OH-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/20/2021) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce

To establish a government corporation to oversee student athlete agents and third-party licensees of student athlete publicity rights, and for other purposes.

S.414 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Amateur Athletes Protection and Compensation Act of 2021
Sponsor: [Sen. Moran, Jerry \[R-KS\]](#) (Introduced 02/24/2021) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To provide standards relating to compensation for the use of the names, images, and likenesses of amateur intercollegiate athletes and to provide protections for amateur intercollegiate athletes, and for other purposes.

S.4004 — 116th Congress (2019-2020) Fairness in Collegiate Athletics Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Rubio, Marco \[R-FL\]](#) (Introduced 06/18/2020) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To ensure that college athletes, and not institutions of higher education, are able to profit from their name, image, and likeness, and for other purposes.

H.R.2841 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Student Athlete Level Playing Field Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony \[R-OH-16\]](#) (Introduced 04/26/2021) **Cosponsors:** (9) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Education and Labor

To prohibit a covered athletic association and institution of higher education from prohibiting a student athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics because such student athlete enters into an endorsement contract, and for other purposes.

Companion Bills - NIL

S.238 – 117th Congress (2021-2022) College Athlete Economic Freedom Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) (Introduced 02/04/2021) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

H.R.850 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) College Athlete Economic Freedom Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. Trahan, Lori \[D-MA-3\]](#) (Introduced 02/04/2021) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

To establish name, image, likeness, and athletic reputation rights for college athletes, and for other purposes.

NIL/Athlete Rights

S.4724 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) College Athletes Bill of Rights **Sponsor:** [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#) (Introduced 08/02/2022) **Cosponsors:** (4) **Committees:** Senate - Judiciary

Addresses issues of rights to compensation, health and safety standards, and educational opportunities for college athletes including prohibitions of restricting the use of athlete NILs, establishing a Commission on College Athletics to protect athlete interests, health, and wellness and an athlete medical trust

Companion Bills – College Athlete Right to Organize

S.1929 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) College Athlete Right To Organize Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) (Introduced 05/27/2021) **Cosponsors:** (1) **Committees:** Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.3895 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) College Athlete Right to Organize Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. Bowman, Jamaal \[D-NY-16\]](#) (Introduced 06/15/2021) **Cosponsors:** (2) **Committees:** House - Education and Labor

Establishes collective bargaining rights for college athletes, defines college athlete on scholarship as employee, specifies that NLRB must consider athletes within an athletic conference consisting of public or private institutions as a bargaining unit with NLRB jurisdiction.

H.R.4855 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Braeden’s Commission: Protect our Athletes from Exertional Heat Stroke **Sponsor:** [Rep. Smith, Christopher H. \[R-NJ-4\]](#) (Introduced 07/29/2021) **Cosponsors:** (3)

Committees: House - Education and Labor; Energy and Commerce

To establish a commission to prevent exertional heat stroke deaths among high school and collegiate athletes, and for other purposes.

S.4855 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Collegiate Athlete Compensation Rights Act **Sponsor:** [Wicker, Roger F. \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) (Introduced 09/14/2022) **Cosponsors:** (0)

Protects the rights of student athletes, to provide for transparency and accountability with respect to student athlete name, image, and likeness agreements and for other purposes.

NCAA ENFORCEMENT/FINANCES

Companion Bills – NCAA Enforcement

S.3943 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) NCAA Accountability Act of 2022 **Sponsor:** [Sen. Blackburn, Marsha \[R-TN\]](#) (Introduced 03/29/2022) **Cosponsors:** (1) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

H.R.5817 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) NCAA Accountability Act of 2021 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Kustoff, David \[R-TN-8\]](#) (Introduced 11/02/2021) **Cosponsors:** (2) **Committees:** House - Education and Labor

To establish due process requirements for the investigation of intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

Companion Bills – NCAA Institution Financial Reporting

S.1225 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) SCORE Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) (Introduced 04/20/2021) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.2610 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) SCORE Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. Price, David E. \[D-NC-4\]](#) (Introduced 04/16/2021) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** House - Education and Labor
To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to report revenue generated by each sports team, and for other purposes.

GENDER EQUITY

H.R.7336 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Gender Equity in College Sports Commission Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. \[D-NY-12\]](#) (Introduced 03/31/2022) **Cosponsors:** (3) **Committees:** House - Education and Labor
To examine current NCAA operated practices and programs such as championship tournaments and student programs and make recommendations on improvement of gender equity.

Companion Bills – Title IX Separate Sex Sport

S.251 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2021 **Sponsor:** [Sen. Lee, Mike \[R-UT\]](#) (Introduced 02/04/2021) **Cosponsors:** (18) **Committees:** Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.426 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2021 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Steube, W. Gregory \[R-FL-17\]](#) (Introduced 01/21/2021) **Cosponsors:** (37) **Committees:** House - Education and Labor
To amend Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics to permit separate sex athletic programs and define sex as based on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

RESOLUTIONS

H.Con.Res.39 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) **Sponsor:** [Rep. Speier, Jackie \[D-CA-14\]](#) (Introduced 06/29/2021) **Cosponsors:** (16) **Committees:** House - Education and Labor
Expresses the sense of Congress that Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 applies to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), and the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) should work to prevent discrimination on the basis of sex in its programs and activities.

OLYMPIC/K-12/NON-SCHOOL SPORTS

H.R.5216 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Protecting Student Athletes From Concussions Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark \[D-CA-11\]](#) (Introduced 09/10/2021) **Cosponsors:** (5) **Committees:** House - Education and Labor
To promote State requirements for local educational agencies and public elementary and secondary schools relating to the prevention and treatment of concussions suffered by students.

S.2288 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Even Playing Field Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Feinstein, Dianne \[D-CA\]](#) (Introduced 06/24/2021) **Cosponsors:** (8) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act to provide pay equity for amateur athletes and other personnel, and for other purposes.

Companion Bills -NGB Equal Pay

S.1978 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) GOALS Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Manchin, Joe, III \[D-WV\]](#) (Introduced 06/08/2021) **Cosponsors:** (13) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

H.R.1644 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) GOALS Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. Matsui, Doris O. \[D-CA-6\]](#) (Introduced 03/08/2021) **Cosponsors:** (46) **Committees:** House - Foreign Affairs

To prohibit the use of funds for the 2026 World Cup unless the United States Soccer Federation provides equitable pay to the members of the United States Women's National Team and the United States Men's National Team.

S.2333 — 117th Congress (2021-2022) Equal Pay for Team USA Act of 2021 **Sponsor:** [Sen. Cantwell, Maria \[D-WA\]](#) (Introduced 07/13/2021) **Cosponsors:** (3) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Requires that all athletes representing the United States in international amateur athletic competitions receive equal compensation and benefits for their work, regardless of gender. Each national governing body for a sport must report annually on compliance with this requirement. The bill requires full compliance by January 31, 2022.

H.R.3804 — 116th Congress (2019-2020) Athletics Fair Pay Act of 2019 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Frankel, Lois \[D-FL-21\]](#) (Introduced 07/17/2019) **Cosponsors:** (32) **Committees:** House – Judiciary

To amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure pay equity for amateur athletes, and for other purposes.