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UNITED STATES CONGRESS – COLLEGE ATHLETICS AND OLYMPIC SPORTS BILLS Updated as of July 13, 2024

The following listing of bills filed during the 117th (2021-2022) and 118th (2023-24) sessions of Congress represent the most likely bills to be considered during the 118th Congress. Those bills filed in the 117th Congress must be refiled in the 118th in order to be considered. We have kept those 117th Congress bills that we believe are still being worked on for 118th Congress submission. Those bills without bill numbers have been recently filed or announced as “drafts” with the intention to file final versions in the 118th Congress. Enter the bill title at <https://www.congress.gov/> to search for numbers not yet posted. Olympic sports bills are included because these will affect college athletes who participate in Olympic development programs or are now participating or 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)

H.R.3630 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Student Athlete Level Playing Field Act. **Sponsor:** [Carey, Mike \[Rep.-R-OH-15\]](#) (Introduced 05/24/2023) **Cosponsors:** (2) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Education and the Workforce **Latest Action:** House - 05/24/2023

To prohibit certain entities from barring a student athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of such student athlete entering into an endorsement contract, and for other purposes.

S.1454 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Athlete Opportunity and Taxpayer Integrity Act **Sponsor:** [Thune, John \[Sen.-R-SD\]](#) (Introduced 05/04/2023) **Cosponsors:** (1) **Committees:** Senate – Finance **Latest Action:** Senate - 05/04/2023

No deduction shall be allowed for any contribution any portion of which is used by the donor to compensate one or more secondary or post-secondary school athletes for the use of their name, image, or likeness by reason of their status as athletes.

S.2495 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Protecting Athletes, Schools, and Sports Act of 2023.

Sponsor: Sen. [Manchin, Joe, III \[Sen.-D-WV\]](#) Sen. [Tuberville, Tommy \[R-AL\]](#) (Introduced 07/25/2023) **Cosponsors:** (1) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To protect student athletes, ensure fair competition and compensation, and preserve intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

DRAFT NOT YET REINTRODUCED — 118th Congress (2023-2024) College Athletes Protection and Compensation Act of 2023 **Sponsors:** [Sen. Moran, Jerry \[R-KS\]](#), [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#), [Blumenthal, Richard \[Sen.-D-CT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** not yet introduced, **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To provide standards relating to compensation for the use of the name, image, and likeness rights of college athletes and to provide protections for college athletes, and for other purposes.

Companion Bills - College Athlete Economic Freedom Act

S.2554 118th Congress (2022-2023) **The College Athlete Economic Freedom Act**, Senate Sponsor: [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) **Cosponsors:** not yet introduce(0)ed, **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

H.R. 4948 (2022-2023) **The College Athlete Economic Freedom Act**, House Sponsor: [Rep. Trahan, Lori \[D-MA-3\]](#) **Cosponsors:** (0), **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; **Cosponsors:** ([1](#)) *To establish name, image, likeness, and athletic reputation rights for college athletes, and for other purposes.*

2nd DRAFT NOT YET INTRODUCED – 118th Congress (2nd Session) (2024) Fairness, Accountability, and Integrity in Representation of College Sports Act **Sponsor:** Rep. Bilirakis, Gus [FL-12] **Cosponsors:** not yet introduced, **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Judiciary

To protect the rights of student athletes to covered compensation, to prohibit inducements and provide for transparency with respect to name, image, and likeness agreements, and to establish a committee for intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.

DRAFT NOT YET INTRODUCED – 118th Congress (2023-2024) Untitled NIL bill. **Sponsor:** Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX] **Cosponsors:** not yet introduced, **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation *To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.*

DRAFT NOT YET INTRODUCED – 118th Congress (2023-2024) College Sports NIL Clearinghouse Act of 2023. **Sponsor:** Sen. Graham, Lindsay [R-NC] **Cosponsors:** not yet introduced, **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To establish certain standards for student athlete name, image, and likeness agreements and to allow the establishment of a clearinghouse to regulate name, image, and likeness agreements, and for other purposes.

H.R.8534 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Protecting Student Athletes’ Economic Freedom Act **Sponsor:** [Good, Bob \[Rep.-R-VA-5\]](#) (Introduced 05/23/2024) **Cosponsors:** ([10](#)) **Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce **Latest Action:** House - 06/13/2024 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 16.

To prohibit a student-athlete from being considered an employee of an institution, a conference, or an association based on participation in certain intercollegiate athletics.

COLLEGE ATHLETES’ RIGHTS AND SAFETY

H.R.4371 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) School Sports Safety Study Act **Sponsor:** [Carter, Troy \[Rep.-D-LA-2\]](#) (Introduced 06/27/2023) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#)) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Education and the Workforce **Latest Action:** House - 06/27/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within their respective jurisdictions.

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in consultation with the Secretary of Education and the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition, to conduct a study on the causes of deaths and

catastrophic injuries related to high school and collegiate sports and formulate recommendations to prevent such deaths and catastrophic injuries, and for other purposes.

NIL/Athlete Rights **ENDORSED BY TDG - Waiting for reintroduction in 118th Congress**

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 Act

S. 3415—118th Congress (2023-2024) College Athlete Right To Organize Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) (Introduced 012/06/2023) **Cosponsors:** (2) **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 **ENDORSED BY TDG - Working on Constituent Solicitation of Co-Sponsors**

S.3739 — 118th Congress (2024). **NCAA Accountability Act of 2024** **Sponsor:** [Blackburn, Marsha \[Sen.-R-TN\]](#) (Introduced 02/06/2024) **Cosponsors:** (1) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation **Latest Action:** Senate - 02/06/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R.5491 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) **NCAA Accountability Act of 2023****Sponsor:** [Kustoff, David \[Rep.-R-TN-8\]](#) (Introduced 09/14/2023) **Cosponsors:** (2)**Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce **Latest Action:** House - 09/14/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Introduced in 117th Congress as H.R. 5817)

Companion bills: *A bill 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.6728 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Save Women's Sports Act of 2023 **Sponsor:** [McClain, Lisa C. \[Rep.-R-MI-9\]](#) (Introduced 12/12/2023) **Cosponsors:** (12) **Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce **Latest Action:** House - 12/12/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

To require public school, and public institution of higher education, athletic teams and clubs to be designated for membership based on biological sex, and for other purposes.

ENDORSED BY TDG - Working on Constituent Solicitation of Co-Sponsors

H.R.2532 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Women in NCAA Sports Act **Sponsor:** [Sherrill, Mikie \[Rep.-D-NJ-11\]](#) (Introduced 04/06/2023) **Cosponsors:** (9) **Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce **Latest Action:** House - 04/06/2023

To establish a Commission on Men's and Women's Fairness in College Sports

Companion Bills – Title IX Expanded Reporting Requirements and Accountability **ENDORSED BY TDG** - Working on Constituent Solicitation of Co-Sponsors

S.3762 -- 118th Congress (2024) Fair Play for Women Act **Sponsor:** [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) (Introduced 12/20/2022) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.7269 – 118th Congress (2024) Fair Play for Women Act **Sponsor:** [Rep. Adams, Alma S. \[D-NC-12\]](#) (Introduced 12/20/2022) **Cosponsors:** (2) **Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce

To prohibit certain discrimination against athletes on the basis of sex by intercollegiate athletic associations, and for other purposes. Expands college and K-12 athletics data reporting requirements; holds athletic programs and governance associations more accountable; improves education and awareness of Title IX rights among athletes, staff, and stakeholders

S. 5— 118th Congress (2023-2024) Equality Act **Sponsor:** [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) (Introduced 06/21/2023) **Cosponsors:** (50) **Committees:** Senate - Judiciary

H.R. 5 – 117th Congress (2021-22) [Rep. Cicilline, David N. \[D-RI-1\]](#) (Introduced 02/18/2021) **Cosponsors:** (244) **Committees:** Committee on the Judiciary. Passed the House 02/21/21.

Prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system including a mandate requiring access to restrooms, locker rooms, and dressing rooms consistent with the individual's gender identity.

Companion Bills – Title IX Separate Sex Sport

S.613 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) **Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Tuberville, Tommy \[Sen.-R-AL\]](#) (Introduced 03/01/2023) **Cosponsors:** (28) **Committees:** Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions **Latest Action:** Senate - 03/01/2023

H.R.734 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) **Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Steube, W. Gregory \[Rep.-R-FL-17\]](#) (Introduced 02/01/2023) **Cosponsors:** (93) **Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce. **Latest Action:** Passed the House - 04/25/2023 Received in the Senate.

To amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

S.Amdt.1781 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) **Purpose:** To prohibit funding for entities that permit certain students to participate in girls' or women's athletics. **Amends Bill:** [H.R.2882](#) **Sponsor:** [Tuberville, Tommy \[Sen.-R-AL\]](#) (Submitted 03/22/2024) (Proposed 03/23/2024) **Latest Action:** 03/23/24 Amendment [SA 1781](#) proposed by Senator Tuberville. (consideration: CR [S2580-2581](#)) ([All Actions](#)) *An amendment to HR 2882 – the 2024 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act. To prohibit funding to entities under this Act that allow any student whose biological sex (recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology at birth) is male to participate in an athletic program or activity designated for girls or women.*

H.J. Res. 165 -- 118th Congress (2023-2024) "Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" **Purpose:** To nullify April 29, 2024 DOE Title IX regulations related to sexual harassment under the Congressional Review Act. **Sponsor:** [Rep. Miller, Mary E. \[R-IL-15\]](#) (Introduced 06/05/2024) **Co-Sponsors:** (72) **Committee:** House Education and the Workforce **Latest Action:** 7-10-2024 Committee hearing

This joint resolution nullifies the final rule issued by the Department of Education titled Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance and published on April 29, 2024. The final rule addresses Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs or activities. Among other elements, the rule establishes certain definitions related to sex-based harassment and establishes additional requirements for grievance procedures. Note- These regulations includes extensive discussion of athletics transgender regulations not yet finally reported as regulations.

OLYMPICS/NON-SCHOOL SPORTS WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR COLLEGE ATHLETES

Companion Bills- Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

H.R.7187 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

Purpose: To modify eligibility requirements for national sport governing associations **Sponsor:** [Steube, W. Gregory \[Rep.-R-FL-17\]](#) (Introduced 02/01/2024) **Cosponsors:** (30) **Committees:** House – Judiciary **Latest Action:** House - 03/21/2024 Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 16 - 15.

Defined "male" and "female" to determine eligibility to participate in an amateur athletic competition designated for females, women, or girls.

S.3729 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act
Sponsor: [Tuberville, Tommy \[Sen.-R-AL\]](#) (Introduced 02/01/2024) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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.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.

RESOLUTIONS

H.Res.298 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 734) to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with Title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022. **Sponsor:** [Houchin, Erin \[Rep.-R-IN-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/17/2023)

H.Con.Res.54 — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Expressing 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. **Sponsor:** [Sherrill, Mikie \[Rep.-D-NJ-11\]](#) (Introduced 06/23/2023) **Cosponsors:** (2) **Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce

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[H.Res.518](#) — 118th Congress (2023-2024) Pushing back against the labeling of attempts by parents to ensure school curriculum and sports are age and sex appropriate as extreme. **Sponsor:** [McClain, Lisa C. \[Rep.-R-MI-9\]](#) (Introduced 06/15/2023) **Cosponsors:** [\(8\)](#) **Committees:** House - Education and the Workforce