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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS BILLS FILED IN THE 119th CONGRESS 2025-2026 – Updated as of 2-10-2025

A. NIL/ATHLETE EMPLOYEE BILLS

B. ATHLETES' RIGHTS AND SAFETY

- **S.74** — A bill to require the Attorney General to submit to Congress a report relating to violence against women in athletics. Sponsor: [Blackburn, Marsha \[Sen.-R-TN\]](#) (Introduced 01/13/2025)

C. NCAA ENFORCEMENT AND FINANCES

D. SEX EQUITY

- **S. ___ and H.R. ___** (# not yet assigned-filed 2-5-25)—“[Fair Play for Women Act](#)”
Sponsor: [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) and [Rep. Adams, Alma S. \[D-NC-12\]](#)
****ENDORSED BY TDG**** (*Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) revisions and establishment of a High School EADA, mandates athlete Title IX education*)
- **H.R. 28** — **Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025**; Sponsor: [Rep. Steube, W. Gregory \[R-FL-17\]](#) **Passed: 1-14-25** (*prohibits school athletic programs from allowing individuals whose biological sex at birth was male to participate in programs that are for women or girls*)
- **S. 9** — **Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025**; Sponsor: [Tuberville, Tommy \[Sen.-R-AL\]](#) (*prohibits school athletic programs from allowing individuals whose biological sex at birth was male to participate in programs that are for women or girls but bill is not identical to H.R. 28*)
- **H.Res. 47** and **S.Res. 22** — **Resolution Concerning the National Collegiate Athletic Association policy for eligibility in women's sports**; Sponsors: [Rep. Steube, W. Gregory \[R-FL-17\]](#) and [Blackburn, Marsha \[Sen.-R-TN\]](#) (*calls on NCAA to revoke its transgender student-athlete eligibility policy and require its member conferences to conform to a biological sex-based policy*)

E. GAMBLING

ALSO TRACKING THE FOLLOWING BILLS ANNOUNCED OR PENDING IN THE 118th CONGRESS – NOW DEAD UNLESS REFILED IN THE 119th CONGRESS

A. NIL/ATHLETE EMPLOYEE BILLS

- **H.R.3630** —“Student Athlete Level Playing Field Act” **Carey, Mike [Rep.-R-OH-15]** (*athletes not ineligible based on entering into endorsement agreements*)
- **S.1454** —“Athlete Opportunity and Taxpayer Integrity Act” **Thune, John [Sen.-R-SD]** (*No tax deduction for any NIL contribution*)
- **S.2495** —“Protecting Athletes, Schools, and Sports Act of 2023”. Sen. **Manchin, Joe, III [Sen.-D-WV]** Sen. **Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]** (*NCAA controls transfer portal, no NIL contracts until enrollment, medical trust fund and athletic injury expense guarantees, NIL protection, no booster NILs as inducements*)
- **DRAFT (NOT REINTRODUCED)** —“College Athletes Protection and Compensation Act of 2023” -**Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS], Booker, Cory A. [Sen.-D-NJ], Blumenthal, Richard [Sen.-D-CT]** (*NIL protection, no pro sports draft prohibition, scholarships until graduation, no interference with athlete academic decisions, one transfer w/ no penalty, medical trust fund and athletic injury expense guarantees, health/safety standards*)
- **S.2554** and **H.R. 4948** “The College Athlete Economic Freedom Act”, **Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] and Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]** (*NIL rights protections, required negotiation with athlete representatives for institution’s use of athlete NILs, required FTC registration of NIL collectives*)
- **2nd DRAFT (NOT INTRODUCED)** —“Fairness, Accountability, and Integrity in Representation of College Sports Act” -**Rep. Bilirakis, Gus [FL-12]** (*athletes not employees-NCAA receives antitrust exemption*)
- **DRAFT (NOT INTRODUCED)** —“Untitled NIL bill”. **Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]** (*athletes not employees, FMV NIL agreement, NCAA receives antitrust exemption*)
- **DRAFT (NOT INTRODUCED)** —“College Sports NIL Clearinghouse Act of 2023”. **Sen. Graham, Lindsay [R-NC]** (*establishes clearinghouse for NIL regulation*)
- **H.R.8534** —“Protecting Student Athletes’ Economic Freedom Act” **Good, Bob [Rep.-R-VA-5]** (*prohibits athlete from being an employee*)
- **H.R.8304** —“Protect the BALL Act of 2024” **Rep. Fry, Russell [R-SC-7]** (*no liability for institutions/NCAA control of NILs/compensation*)
- **S.4855** —“Collegiate Athlete Compensation Rights Act” **Wicker, Roger F. [Sen.-R-MS]** (*establishes FTC Sports Office, protection of athlete NIL rights, no NILs as inducements*)

B. ATHLETES’ RIGHTS/SAFETY

- **H.R.4371** —“School Sports Safety Study Act” **Carter, Troy [Rep.-D-LA-2]** (*study-causes of deaths and catastrophic injuries related to high school and collegiate sports*)
- **S.2081** and **H.R.4256** —“Jordan McNair Student Athlete Heat Fatality Prevention Act” **Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]** and **Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]** (*mandate venue-specific heat illness emergency action plan for operating and using automatic external defibrillators and cold-water immersion equipment*).
- **S.4724** (117th CONGRESS -NOT INTRODUCED IN 118th) — 117th Congress (2021-2022) “College Athletes Bill of Rights” **Booker, Cory A. [Sen.-D-NJ]** ****ENDORSED BY TDG**** (*comprehensive athletes’ rights bill, scholarships until graduation, medical trust, etc.*)

- **H.R.4855** ((117th CONGRESS -NOT INTRODUCED IN 118th)—“Braeden’s Commission: Protect our Athletes from Exertional Heat Stroke” **Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]** (establish Commission to prevent exertional heat stroke deaths among high school and college athletes)

C. NCAA ENFORCEMENT/FINANCES

- **S.3739 and H.R.5491**—“NCAA Accountability Act of 2024” **Blackburn, Marsha [Sen.-R-TN]** and **Kustoff, David [Rep.-R-TN-8]** ****ENDORSED BY TDG**** (establish due process requirements for the investigation of intercollegiate athletics rules violations)
- **S.1225 and H.R.2610** (NOT INTRODUCED IN 118th CONGRESS) “SCORE Act” **Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]** and **Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]** (requires institutions of higher education to report revenue generated by each sports team)

D. SEX EQUITY

- **H.R.6728**—“Save Women’s Sports Act of 2023” **McClain, Lisa C. [Rep.-R-MI-9]** (public school, public institution of higher education athletic teams and clubs to be based on biological sex)
- **H.R.2532**—“Women in NCAA Sports Act” **Sherrill, Mikie [Rep.-D-NJ-11]** ****ENDORSED BY TDG**** (establishes a Commission to investigate fairness in NCAA Men’s and Women’s championships and programs)
- **S. 5 and H.R. 5**—“Equality Act” **Merkley, Jeff [Sen.-D-OR]** and **Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]** (changes meaning of sex to gender equity – full transgender participation in women’s sports, restrooms, changing rooms)

E. GAMBLING

- **H.R. 967** Betting on our Future Act” **Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]** (prohibits gambling advertising on sports programming)
- **S. 3579 and H.R. 6982** “Gambling Addiction, Recovery, Investment, and Treatment Act – GRIT Act” **Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]** and **Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]** (formula grants to states for gambling addiction programs)
- **S 5057 and H.R. 9590**—“Supporting Affordability and Fairness with Every Bet Act (SAFE Bet Act)” **Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]** and **Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]** ****ENDORSED BY TDG**** (minimum federal standards for sports betting)