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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS BILLS FILED IN THE 119th CONGRESS 2025-2026 – Updated as of 4-16-2025

A. NIL/ATHLETE EMPLOYEE BILLS

- [H.R.2688](#) —Sponsor: [McClain, Lisa C. \[Rep.-R-MI-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/07/2025) *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.*

B. ATHLETES' RIGHTS AND SAFETY

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

C. NCAA REFORM, ENFORCEMENT, AND FINANCES

- [S.955](#) and [H.R.#TBD](#) —“NCAA Accountability Act of 2025” [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)*
- [H.R. #TBD](#) —“Restore College Sports Act” [Baumgartner, Michael \[Rep. R-WA\]](#) *Creates a national commission to replace the NCAA, rules for athlete compensation and governance, caps coach salaries and halts arms race spending*

D. SEX EQUITY

- [S.543](#) and [H.R.1183](#) — 119th Congress (2025-2026) Fair Play for Women Act Sponsor: [Sen. Murphy, Christopher \[D-CT\]](#) and [Adams, Alma S. \[Rep.-D-NC-12\]](#) (Introduced 02/11/2025) ****ENDORSED BY TDG**** *To prohibit certain discrimination against athletes on the basis of sex by State athletic associations, intercollegiate athletic associations, and covered institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.*
- [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 \[Sen.-R-AL\]](#) **Failed: 3-3-25** *(prohibits school athletic programs from*

allowing individuals whose biological sex at birth was male to participate in programs that are for women or girls 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’ 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

S. 454 and H.R. (# pending) “Gambling Addiction, Recovery, Investment, and Treatment Act – GRIT Act” **Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]** and **Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]** (award formula grants to states for gambling addiction programs)

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 hat stroke deaths among high school and college athletes)

C. NCAA ENFORCEMENT/FINANCES

- **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 investigation 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 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)