

# INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS BILLS FILED IN THE 119<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS 2025-2026 – Updated as of 10-31-2025

#### A. NIL/ATHLETE EMPLOYEE BILLS

- <u>S. 2932</u>—"Student Athlete Fairness and Enforcement Act-SAFE Act" **Sponsor:** Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] *To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes, and for other purposes.*
- <u>S. 2470</u> and <u>H.R. 4868</u>—"College Athlete Economic Freedom Act" **Sponsor:**<u>Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]</u> and <u>Trahan, Lori [Rep.-D-MA-3]</u> To establish name, image, and likeness rights for college athletes at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.
- <u>S. 2147</u>—"College Sports Integrity Act" **Sponsor:** <u>Paul, Rand [R-KY]</u> To exempt intercollegiate athletic conferences and interstate intercollegiate athletic associations from the antitrust laws.
- H.R. 5812—"Correcting Opportunity and Accountability in Collegiate Hiring Act COACH Act" **Sponsor: Baumgartner, Michael [R-WA-5]** To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to cap certain intercollegiate athletics compensation and buyouts as a condition of institutional participation in Federal student aid programs, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 5076—"Protection of College Sports Act" Sponsor: Steube, W. Gregory [Rep.-R-FL-17] To codify Executive Order 14322 (relating to college sports revenue and athlete compensation (Protecting and Expanding Women's and Non-Revenue Sports and Prohibiting Third-Party Pay-for-Play Payments)
- H.R. 4312—"Student Compensation and Opportunity through Rights and Endorsements Act of 2025 – SCORE Act" Sponsors: <u>Guthrie</u>, <u>Brett [R-KY-02]</u> and <u>Bilirakis</u>, <u>Gus [R-FL-12]</u> To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of studentathletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes.
- H.R.3847— "Student-athlete Protections and Opportunities through Rights,
  Transparency, and Safety Act- SPORTS Act" McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-9] Establish
  national standards for how college athletes can earn compensation from their
  name, image, and likeness (NIL) and strengthen academic, health, and financial
  protections for collegiate athletics.
- H.R.2688 "Protecting Student Athletes' Economic Freedom Act of 2025"
   Sponsor: McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-9] 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.
- H.R. 2663—"Restore College Sports Act" Sponsor: Baumgartner, Michael [R-WA-05] To establish the American Collegiate Sports Association, and for other purposes.

### **B. ATHLETES' RIGHTS AND SAFETY**

• **S.74**—"Fair Play for Girls Act" **Sponsor: Blackburn, Marsha [Sen.-RTN]** 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

- <u>S.955 and H.R.3976</u>—"NCAA Accountability Act of 2025" <u>Blackburn, Marsha</u> [<u>Sen.-R-TN</u>]/<u>Booker, Cory A. [Sen.-D-NJ]\*</u> and <u>Kustoff, David [Rep.-R-TN-8]/Harder, Josh [Rep. D-CA-9]\*</u> \*\*BIPARTISAN COMPANION BILLS-ENDORSED BY TDG\*\* Establishes due process requirements for the investigation of intercollegiate athletics rules violations.
- H.R. 5693—"Protect College Sports from Private Equity and Foreign Influence Act-PROTECT Act". Sponsor: Baumgartner, Michael [R-WA-05] To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit certain private-equity and sovereign wealth fund agreements involving intercollegiate athletics.

## D. SEX EQUITY

- S. 1988 and H.R. 3917—"Prohibit the participation of males in athletic programs or activities at the military service academies that are designated for women or girls."
   Sponsor: Tuberville, Tommy [Sen.-R-AL] and Johnson, Dusty [Rep.-R-SD-At Large] A bill to prohibit the participation of males in athletic programs or activities at the military service academies that are designated for women or girls.
- S.543 and H.R.1183 —"Fair Play for Women Act" Sponsor: Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] and Adams, Alma S. [Rep.-D-NC-12] \*\*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.
- <u>S. 405</u>—"Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act" **Sponsor:**<u>Tuberville, Tommy [Sen.-R-AL]</u> To modify eligibility requirements for amateur sports governing organizations to prohibit a person whose sex is male from participating in an amateur athletic competition that is designated for females, women, or girls
- "Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act " 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, girls, but bill is not identical to 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)
- 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
- H.R.3917—Sponsors: Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large] To prohibit the participation of males in athletic programs or activities at the military service academies that are designated for women or girls.
- H.Res.587 —Resolution encouraging all public, private, and charter high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States to establish and support flag football programs for girls, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Williams, Nikema [Rep.-D-GA-5]
- <u>S.Res.295</u> and <u>H.Res.536</u>—Resolution supporting the designation of the week including June 23, 2025, as "National Women's Sports Week" to celebrate the anniversary of the passage of title IX and the growth of women's sports.
   Sponsor: <u>Ernst, Joni [Sen.-R-IA]</u> and <u>Tenney, Claudia [Rep.-R-NY-24]</u>

#### E. GAMBLING

- <u>S. 454</u> and <u>H.R.1141</u> "Gambling Addiction, Recovery, Investment, and Treatment Act GRIT Act" <u>Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]</u> and <u>Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]</u> (award formula grants to states for gambling addiction programs)
- H.R. 1552—"Providing Responsible Oversight and Transparency and Ensuring
   Collegiate Trust for Student Athletes Act" or the "PROTECT Student Athletes Act"
   Baumgartner, Michael [Rep. R-WA] To prohibit proposition bets made with respect
   to the performance of a student athlete, and for other purposes.