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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS BILLS FILED IN THE 119th CONGRESS 2025-2026 – Updated as of 6-8-2026

A. NIL/ATHLETE EMPLOYEE BILLS

- **S.# not yet assigned** —“Protect College Sports Act of 2026” **Sponsors: Sen. Cruz, Ted (R-TX)** and **Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]** *To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes and to promote fair competition among intercollegiate athletics.*
- **S.3378** — “Helping Undergraduate Students Thrive with Long-Term Earnings Act”- “HUSTLE Act” **Sponsor: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]** and **Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]**. *To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish name, image, and likeness investment accounts for student-athletes, and for other purposes.*
- **S. Discussion Draft**— “College Sports Competitiveness” **Sponsors: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]** and **Sen. Schmidt, Eric (R-MO)***To amend the Sports Broadcasting Act to allow colleges to pool their media rights in broadcast negotiations, which some have estimated would generate more than \$9 billion in new revenue for college sports*
- **S. 2932**—“Student Athlete Fairness and Enforcement Act-SAFE Act” **Sponsor: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]** ****ENDORSED BY TDG**** *To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of, and provide protections for, student athletes, and for other purposes.*
- **S. 2470 and H.R. 4868**—“College Athlete Economic Freedom Act” **Sponsors: Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]** and **Trahan, Lori [Rep.-D-MA-3]** *To establish name, image, and likeness rights for college athletes at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes. (Senate/House companion bills)*
- **S. 2147**—“College Sports Integrity Act” **Sponsor: Paul, Rand [R-KY]** *To exempt intercollegiate athletic conferences and interstate intercollegiate athletic associations from the antitrust laws.*
- **H.R. 6350**—“College Athletics Reform Act” **Sponsor: Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]** ****ENDORSED BY TDG**** *Act stabilizes the NIL and agent landscape with preemptive, enforceable federal standards; grows revenues to sustain women's and Olympic sports as well as at small schools; and lays the path towards an enduring governance model that centers on athletes.*
- **H.R. 5812**—“Correcting Opportunity and Accountability in Collegiate Hiring Act - COACH Act” **Sponsor: Baumgartner, Michael [R-WA-05]** *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: [Guthrie, Brett \[R-KY-02\]](#) and [Bilirakis, Gus \[R-FL-12\]](#)** To protect the name, image, and likeness rights of student-athletes 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” **Sponsor: [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.
- **H.R.7403**— “No Foreign NIL Funds Act” **Sponsor: [Moore, Blake D. \[Rep.-R-UT-1\]](#)** To prohibit foreign investment in relation to name, image, and likeness agreements, and for other purposes.

B. ATHLETES’ RIGHTS AND SAFETY

- **S.74** —“Fair Play for Girls Act” **Sponsor: [Blackburn, Marsha \[Sen.-R TN\]](#)** A bill to require the Attorney General to submit to Congress a report relating to violence against women in athletics.
- **H.R. 7368** —“Riley Gaines Act” **Sponsor: [McGuire, John J. \[Rep.-R-VA-5\]](#)** To authorize civil actions against institutions of higher education and athletic associations that negligently or recklessly permit a biologically male student athlete to compete in an athletic competition intended exclusively for female student athletes, resulting in harm
- **H.Res.1045** “Calling on the Secretary of Education to work with stakeholders to immediately eliminate race-based Native logos, mascots, and names from State educational institutions, and calling on State educational institutions and national sports franchises to cease the unsanctioned use of such logos, mascots, and names.” **Sponsor: [Pallone, Frank \[Rep.-D-NJ-6\]](#)**

C. NCAA REFORM, ENFORCEMENT, AND FINANCES

- **S. TBD** ([Discussion Draft](#))—"College Sports Competitiveness Act" **Sponsor: Schmitt, Eric** (R-MO) *Provides a new antitrust exemption allowing college football institutions to jointly sell media rights and makes it optional for conferences and schools to pool their media rights together, allowing for a significant increase of revenue into college sports.*
- **S.955** and **H.R.3976**—"NCAA Accountability Act of 2025" **Blackburn, Marsha** [[Sen.-R-TN](#)]/**Booker, Cory A.** [[Sen.-D-NJ](#)]* and **Kustoff, David** [[Rep.-R-TN-8](#)]/**Harder, Josh** [[Rep. D-CA-9](#)]* ****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.*
- **H.R.7707**—"No title assigned to date" **Sponsor: Ogles, Andrew** [[Rep.-R-TN-5](#)] *To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on income earned from competing in global athletic events on behalf of foreign entities of concern.*

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.*
- **S. 405**—"Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act" **Sponsor: Tuberville, Tommy** [[Sen.-R-AL](#)] *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*
- **S. 8**—"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**)*
- **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.R. 1028](#)—“Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act” **Sponsor:** [Rep. Steube, W. Gregory \[R-FL-17\]](#) *To modify eligibility requirements for amateur sports governing organizations.* Note: Does not apply to school sports.
- [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. 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.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 \[Rep.-D-GA-5\]](#)
- [S.Res. 295](#) and [H.Res. 536](#)—“Resolution supporting the designation of the week including June 23, 2025, as "National Women's Sports Week" **Sponsor:** [Ernst, Joni \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#) and [Tenney, Claudia \[Rep.-R-NY-24\]](#) *to celebrate the anniversary of the passage of title IX and the growth of women's sports.*

E. GAMBLING

- [S. 454](#) and [H.R. 1141](#) “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)*
- [H.R. 1552](#)—“Providing Responsible Oversight and Transparency and Ensuring Collegiate Trust for Student Athletes Act” or the “PROTECT Student Athletes Act” **Sponsor:** [Baumgartner, Michael \[Rep. R-WA\]](#) *To prohibit proposition bets made with respect to the performance of a student athlete, and for other purposes.*