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SB 1296: collegiate athletics; compensation

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Overview

Permits a student athlete who participates in intercollegiate sports to earn compensation from the use of their own name, image or likeness.

History

The Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act governs contracts between student athletes and athlete agents. The act: 1) outlines required provisions in a student athlete's contract; 2) requires notification to be given to the educational institution at which the student athlete is enrolled; 3) allows the student athlete to cancel the contract within 14 days of signing; and 4) prohibits certain athlete agent conduct, including providing materially false or misleading information, with the purpose of getting a student athlete to enter into a contract (A.R.S. §§ [15-1770](#), [15-1771](#), [15-1772](#), [15-1774](#)).

The Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act defines:

- 1) *Athlete agent* as an individual who recruits or enters into a contract with a student athlete;
- 2) *Intercollegiate sport* as a sport that is played at the collegiate level and for which eligibility requirements for participation are established by a national association of collegiate athletics;
- 3) *Person* as an individual, corporation, governmental subdivision, or any other legal or commercial entity;
- 4) *Student athlete* as an individual who engages in — or is eligible to engage in — any intercollegiate sport. If an individual is permanently ineligible to participate in a particular intercollegiate sport, the individual is not a student athlete for purposes of that sport. ([A.R.S. § 15-1762](#))

Provisions

1. Requires a postsecondary education institution that competes in an intercollegiate sport to allow, to the extent permitted by the relevant national association for regulating collegiate athletics, a student athlete to earn compensation from the use of the student athlete's own name, image or likeness. (Sec. 1)
2. Prohibits a student athlete from having a scholarship revoked or denied or being deemed ineligible for participating in intercollegiate athletics based on earning compensation for the use of their own name, image or likeness. (Sec. 1)
3. Requires any athlete agent, who represents a student athlete earning compensation from their own name, image or likeness, to comply with the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act as outlined in statute. (Sec. 1)

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4. Prohibits a student athlete from entering into a contract providing compensation for the use of their own name, image or likeness if doing so:
 - a) Violates the intellectual property rights of any person, including the student athlete's postsecondary education institution; or
 - b) Conflicts with their team contract. (Sec. 1)