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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## **AN ACT**

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to compensation for student athletes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.280, to read as follows:

173.280. 1. As used in this section, "postsecondary educational institution" means any public or private institution of higher education in this state that is subject to the coordinating board for higher education under section 173.005.

- 2. (1) No postsecondary educational institution shall uphold any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics without penalty and earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation. Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation shall not affect the student's grant-in-aid or stipend eligibility, amount, duration, or renewal.
- (2) No athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including but not limited to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, shall prevent a student of a postsecondary educational institution from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics without penalty and earning compensation as a result of the student's use of the student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation.

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17 (3) No athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with 18 authority over intercollegiate athletics, including but not limited to the National Collegiate 19 Athletic Association, shall prevent a postsecondary educational institution from fully 20 participating in intercollegiate athletics without penalty as a result of a student's use of the 21 student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation.

- 3. No athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including but not limited to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, shall prevent a postsecondary educational institution from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics without penalty as a result of a student obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters, including but not limited to representation provided by athlete agents, financial advisors, or legal representation provided by attorneys.
- 4. (1) No postsecondary educational institution, athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including but not limited to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, shall interfere with or prevent a student from fully participating in intercollegiate athletics for obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters, including but not limited to representation provided by athlete agents, financial advisors, or legal representation provided by attorneys.
- (2) Professional representation provided by athlete agents, financial advisors, or attorneys shall be from persons licensed by this state.
- 5. A grant-in-aid or stipend from the postsecondary educational institution in which a student is enrolled shall not be construed to be compensation for use of the student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation for purposes of this section, and no grant-in-aid or stipend shall be revoked or reduced as a result of a student earning compensation under this section.
- 6. (1) No student athlete shall enter into an apparel, equipment, or beverage contract providing compensation to the athlete for use of the athlete's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation if the contract requires the athlete to display a sponsor's apparel, equipment, or beverage or otherwise advertise for the sponsor during official team activities if such provisions are in conflict with a provision of the athlete's team contract.
- (2) Any student athlete who enters into a contract providing compensation to the athlete for use of the athlete's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation shall disclose the full contract to an official of the postsecondary educational institution, with such official to be designated by such institution. No institution or its designated official

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shall disclose terms of an athlete's contract that the athlete or the athlete's legal representation deems to be a trade secret or nondisclosable.

- (3) An institution asserting a conflict described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall disclose to the student athlete or the athlete's legal representation the full contract the institution asserts to be in conflict. No athlete or member of the athlete's legal representation shall disclose terms of an institution's contract that the institution deems to be a trade secret or nondisclosable.
- 7. No team contract of a postsecondary educational institution's athletic program shall prevent a student athlete from receiving compensation for using the athlete's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation for a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official mandatory team activities that are recorded in writing and made publicly available. Such team activities shall not exceed twenty hours per week during the season and eight hours per week during the off-season.
- 8. Students, postsecondary educational institutions, conferences, and state or local prosecutors seeking to prosecute violators of this section shall not be deprived of any protections provided under law with respect to a controversy that arises, and shall have the right to adjudicate claims that arise under this section.
  - 9. Legal settlements shall not permit noncompliance with this section.
- 10. This section shall apply only to contracts entered into, modified, or renewed on or after January 1, 2023.
  - 11. This section shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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