



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 845

HOUSE BILL NO. 2249

By Representatives Vaughan, Zachary, Howell, Cochran, Hakeem, White, Dixie, Towns,
Williams, Love

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2392

By Senators Stevens, Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2802(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(a) An intercollegiate athlete may earn compensation for the use of the intercollegiate athlete's own name, image, or likeness. Such compensation must be commensurate with the fair market value of the authorized use of the intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness. To preserve the integrity, quality, character, and amateur nature of intercollegiate athletics and to maintain a clear separation between amateur intercollegiate athletics and professional sports, such compensation must not be provided in exchange for athletic performance or attendance at an institution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2802(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(b)

(1) An institution or an officer, director, or employee of the institution shall not compensate a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete for the intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness.

(2) Neither a grant-in-aid for athletics awarded to an intercollegiate athlete by an institution, including the cost of attendance, nor an institution's involvement in support of name, image, or likeness activities under this part constitutes compensation to or representation of an intercollegiate athlete by the institution for purposes of this part so long as the institution does not coerce, compel, or interfere with an intercollegiate athlete's decision to earn compensation from or obtain representation in connection with a specific name, image, or likeness opportunity.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2802(c), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-2802(h), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (h)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2) Parents, siblings, grandparents, spouses, and legal guardians of an intercollegiate athlete who represent the intercollegiate athlete for the purpose of securing compensation for the use of the intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness are not considered to be athlete agents for purposes of this part, and are not subject to the requirements for athlete agents as prescribed by this part.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 28, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

An athletic association's governing actions, sanctions, bylaws, and rules must not interfere with an intercollegiate athlete's ability to earn compensation in accordance with

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this part and must not otherwise impact an intercollegiate athlete's eligibility or full participation in intercollegiate athletic events, unless the intercollegiate athlete has committed a violation of the rules of an institution or an athletic association or this act is invalidated or rendered unenforceable by operation of law.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 6, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR