

SENATE BILL 2725

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to student athletes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) A public institution of higher education that participates in intercollegiate athletic competition as a member institution of an athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, shall not in any way penalize a student athlete, as defined in § 49-7-2102, based on gifts, benefits, or inducements given to the student athlete or the student athlete's family by a booster.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Booster" means a representative of the institution's athletic interests;

and

(2) "Penalize" includes playing or not playing an athlete, and awarding or not awarding a scholarship.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.