

CHAPTER 2023-4

House Bill No. 7-B

An act relating to intercollegiate athlete compensation and rights; amending s. 468.453, F.S.; revising requirements for athlete agents representing intercollegiate athletes for certain purposes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.74, F.S.; deleting definitions; deleting requirements regarding the compensation that intercollegiate athletes may receive; deleting certain requirements for postsecondary educational institutions whose intercollegiate athletes seek to earn compensation or to have professional representation; requiring a postsecondary educational institution to conduct at least two financial literacy, life skills, and entrepreneurship workshops under certain conditions; making technical changes; providing that postsecondary educational institutions and specified individuals are not liable for damages under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (8) and (9) of section 468.453, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

468.453 Licensure required; qualifications; license nontransferable; service of process; temporary license; license or application from another state.—

(8) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a person must hold a valid license as an athlete agent to act as an athlete agent representing an intercollegiate athlete for purposes of contracts that allow an intercollegiate athlete to profit from the commercial use of her or his name, image, or likeness and to be protected from unauthorized appropriation and commercial exploitation of her or his right to publicity, including her or his name, image, or likeness authorized under s. 1006.74.

~~(9) Notwithstanding athletic conference or collegiate athletic association rules, bylaws, regulations, and policies to the contrary, an athlete agent may represent an intercollegiate athlete in securing compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness under s. 1006.74.~~

Section 2. Section 1006.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1006.74 Intercollegiate athlete compensation and rights.—The Legislature finds that intercollegiate athletics provide intercollegiate athletes with significant educational opportunities. However, participation in intercollegiate athletics should not infringe upon an intercollegiate athlete's ability to earn compensation for her or his name, image, or likeness. An intercollegiate athlete must have an equal opportunity to control and profit from the commercial use of her or his name, image, or likeness, and be

protected from unauthorized appropriation and commercial exploitation of her or his right to publicity, including her or his name, image, or likeness.

(1) For the purpose of DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) ~~“Athletic program” means an intercollegiate athletic program at a postsecondary educational institution.~~

(b) ~~“Intercollegiate athlete” means a student who participates in an athletic program.~~

(c) ~~“Postsecondary educational institution” means a state university, a Florida College System institution, or a private college or university receiving aid under chapter 1009.~~

(2) ~~INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE COMPENSATION AND RIGHTS AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION RESPONSIBILITIES.~~—

(a) ~~An intercollegiate athlete at a postsecondary educational institution may earn compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness. Such compensation must be commensurate with the market value of the authorized use of the 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 may not be provided in exchange for athletic performance or attendance at a particular institution and may only be provided by a third party unaffiliated with the intercollegiate athlete’s postsecondary educational institution.~~

(b) ~~A postsecondary educational institution may not adopt or maintain a contract, rule, regulation, standard, or other requirement that prevents or unduly restricts an intercollegiate athlete from earning compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness. Earning such compensation may not affect the intercollegiate athlete’s grant-in-aid or athletic eligibility.~~

(c) ~~A postsecondary educational institution; an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefiting the institution or its athletic programs; or an officer, director, or employee of such institution or entity may not compensate or cause compensation to be directed to a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete for her or his name, image, or likeness.~~

(d) ~~A postsecondary educational institution may not prevent or unduly restrict an intercollegiate athlete from obtaining professional representation by an athlete agent or attorney engaged for the purpose of securing compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness. Pursuant to s. 468.453(8), an athlete agent representing an intercollegiate athlete for purposes of securing compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness must be licensed under part IX of chapter 468. An attorney representing an intercollegiate athlete for purposes of securing~~

compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness must be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.

~~(e) A grant in aid, including cost of attendance, awarded to an intercollegiate athlete by a postsecondary educational institution is not compensation for the purposes of this subsection and may not be revoked or reduced as a result of an intercollegiate athlete earning compensation or obtaining professional representation under this subsection.~~

~~(f) An intercollegiate athlete under 18 years of age must have any contract for compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness approved under ss. 743.08 and 743.09.~~

~~(g) An intercollegiate athlete's contract for compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness may not violate this subsection.~~

~~(h) An intercollegiate athlete may not enter into a contract for compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness if a term of the contract conflicts with a term of the intercollegiate athlete's team contract. A postsecondary educational institution asserting a conflict under this paragraph must disclose each relevant contract term that conflicts with the team contract to the intercollegiate athlete or her or his representative.~~

~~(i) An intercollegiate athlete who enters into a contract for compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness shall disclose the contract to the postsecondary educational institution at which she or he is enrolled, in a manner designated by the institution.~~

~~(j) The duration of a contract for representation of an intercollegiate athlete or compensation for the use of an intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness may not extend beyond her or his participation in an athletic program at a postsecondary educational institution.~~

~~(k) A postsecondary educational institution must shall conduct at least two a financial literacy, and life skills, and entrepreneurship workshops, each workshop for a minimum of 5 hours, before the graduation of an intercollegiate athlete at the beginning of the intercollegiate athlete's first and third academic years. The workshops may not be identical, and the second workshop must include more rigorous instruction. The workshops may not be conducted in the same semester. Each The workshop must shall, at a minimum, include information concerning entrepreneurship, financial aid, debt management, and a recommended budget for full and partial grant-in-aid intercollegiate athletes based on the current academic year's cost of attendance. Each The workshop must shall also include information on time management skills necessary for success as an intercollegiate athlete and available academic resources. Each The workshop may not include any marketing, advertising, referral, or solicitation by providers of financial products or services.~~

(3) A postsecondary educational institution or an employee of such institution, including an athletic coach, is not liable for any damages to an intercollegiate athlete's ability to earn compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness resulting from decisions and actions routinely taken in the course of intercollegiate athletics.

~~(4) REGULATIONS AND RULES.—~~The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall adopt regulations and rules, respectively, to implement this section.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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