

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5571

As of February 16, 2007

Title: An act relating to student athletes' bill of rights.

Brief Description: Enacting the student athletes' bill of rights.

Sponsors: Senator Jacobsen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education: 2/21/07.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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Background: The national Student Athletes Rights Movement began in 2002. In the past few years, there have been efforts, in many states and by some student's rights advocates within the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), to create a student-athlete bill of rights.

Summary of Bill: An institution of higher education may not agree to, or be subject to, the rules or policies of any organization, association, or any other type of entity, nor make a contract with any party that dictates the terms, value, and conditions of student athlete scholarships. This prohibition relates to any of the following: (1) the terms or duration of a scholarship or stipend, the value of which is below the actual cost of attendance at that institution; (2) the amount earned from bona fide employment not associated with their sport; (3) health insurance; (4) the ability to obtain licensed representation in making career choices; and (5) the ability to transfer to another institution of higher education if a head coach leaves the school of attendance or anticipated attendance.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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