

# THE SCORE ACT

## *STUDENT COMPENSATION AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH RIGHTS AND ENDORSEMENTS ACT*

### **Student-Athlete Protections & Empowerment**

- Guarantees protections for student-athletes to enter into NIL agreements, hire representation, and safeguard their privacy.
- Authorizes state attorneys general to take civil action for violations of such rights.
- Requires Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Associations (IIAA) to implement fair and impartial dispute resolution processes related to prohibited compensation.
- Caps agent fees and ensures student-athletes are not locked into lifetime contracts.
- Requires student-athlete representation on IIAA decision-making boards.

### **Health & Academic Support**

- Requires applicable schools to provide services, including mental health programs, academic support, and career counseling.
- Provides for three years of post-eligibility health benefits for athletic injuries.
- Requires schools to provide degree completion assistance for up to seven years.
- Prioritizes academics by requiring student-athletes who receive payments from institutions to meet academic standards.
- Clarifies that any rules related to the transfer portal must put the educational experience of student athletes above all other considerations.

### **Protecting Non-Revenue Sports**

- Ends costly litigation that is siphoning resources from non-revenue generating sports.
- Ensures student-athletes are not considered employees of a school, which would lead to cuts in non-revenue generating sports.
- Requires applicable schools to provide a minimum of varsity sports consistent with IIAA rules.
- Clarifies that this bill does not change the enforcement mechanisms of Title IX.
- Requires a study on the unique nature of Olympic Sports and intercollegiate athletics in the United States.

### **Accountability & Transparency**

- Mandates public reporting of student fees used to fund athletic programs and prohibits top-revenue programs from using student fees for athletic costs.
- Allows the Department of Education to suspend federal aid for schools for violations, including failing to provide academic or medical support.
- Conditions the ability of IIAAs to create and enforce rules for their members on compliance with certain requirements within the Act.

### **Addressing the Patchwork of State Laws**

- Creates a national NIL standard and gives IIAAs the authority to make rules on transfers and compensation caps, and protects these new rules from being challenged under antitrust laws.
- Prevents states from passing laws that govern or regulate the compensation, payment, benefits, employment status, or recruitment of student-athletes; or intercollegiate athletic playing seasons, the maximum number of contests, and student athlete time demands.

