

THE SCORE ACT

STUDENT COMPENSATION AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH RIGHTS AND ENDORSEMENTS ACT

Without clear federal standards, college athletic programs and athletes face a chaotic patchwork of state laws, legal uncertainty, and growing threats to traditional sports programs. The SCORE Act restores order by:

- Reaffirming the student-first model;
- Defending Olympic sports;
- Shielding athletes from being exploited by bad actors;
- Establishing clear regulatory authority and enforcement mechanisms; and
- Improving transparency and accountability to better protect athletes and universities.

The SCORE Act Empowers Student-Athletes

- Student-athletes gain legal protections to enter into Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) agreements and hire agents, while receiving student privacy protections and support for financial literacy, contract guidance, and brand-building.
- The bill prohibits pay-for-play and predatory compensation schemes, while reserving appropriate guarantees to agent access.

The SCORE Act Prioritizes Academic & Health Support

- Schools must provide access to academic and career counseling for student athletes, along with satisfying mandates to provide robust mental health services and mental health education.
- The bill ensures coverage of medical expenses for athletic injuries for up to 3 years post-enrollment, and it protects student-athlete scholarships regardless of injury or NIL activity.

The SCORE Act Creates a Smarter System

- The bill establishes a uniform national NIL standard for institutions and governing bodies and clarifies rulemaking authority regarding eligibility, transfer timelines, and compensation caps.
- The bill also requires agent registration for college athletics and affirms the classification status of student-athletes.
- This system provides needed legal certainty for compliance with federal rules.

The SCORE Act Demands Financial Transparency

- The bill requires public reporting of the total amount of student fees charged to fund intercollegiate athletic programs and the specific uses of such fees.
- The bill also prohibits top-revenue programs from using student fees to cover intercollegiate athletics costs.