

HB 1748 -- COMPENSATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

SPONSOR: Allred

This bill prohibits any public or private institution of higher education, athletic association, conference, or other group with authority over intercollegiate athletics including the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) from preventing a student from earning compensation for the student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation. The bill also prohibits any of these entities from providing a prospective student athlete with compensation for the athlete's name, image, or likeness.

The bill further limits these entities from preventing a student from participating in intercollegiate athletics if the student earns compensation, or from hiring professional representation as outlined in the bill.

The bill limits student athletes from entering into any contract for compensation that would be in conflict with a provision of the athlete's team contract. This section has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2023 and applies only to contracts after January 1, 2023 (Section 173.280 RSMo).

The bill also creates a "community college athlete name, image, and likeness working group" to include one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the Chair of the Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics committee, and additional members as specified in the bill with the purpose to review existing Missouri Community College Athletic Conference (MCCAC) bylaws, along with federal and state laws regarding college athlete's use of their name, image, and likeness for compensation. The working group will present a report of findings to the MCCAC and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021. This section expires on January 1, 2025 (Section 178.897).