

HOUSE BILL No. 2589

By Representative McCray-Miller

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1 AN ACT concerning institutions of higher learning and student athletes.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section:

5 (1) "Athletic program" means any intercollegiate athletic program of
6 an institution of higher education in this state that recruits student athletes
7 by soliciting them to apply to, enroll in or attend such institution for
8 purposes of participating in intercollegiate sporting programs, events,
9 contests or exhibitions at such institutions.

10 (2) "NCAA" means the national collegiate athletic association or its
11 successor.

12 (3) "Student athlete" means an individual who attends an elementary,
13 middle or secondary school program of education or an institution of
14 higher education and participates in any interscholastic athletic program in
15 this state, whether or not such individual receives scholarship funds for
16 such individual's athletic participation.

17 (b) Commencing January 1, 2013, an institution of higher education
18 that offers athletic scholarships shall provide a hyperlink entitled "student
19 athletes right to know" on the front page of its official athletic internet web
20 site, which shall be linked to a web page containing all of the following
21 information:

22 (1) Athletic scholarship information, including, but not limited to:

23 (A) The most recent cost of attendance expenses as published by the
24 institution of higher education's financial aid office for the academic year
25 and for the summer school session.

26 (B) The sum of expenses identified in subparagraph (A) of this
27 subsection that are prohibited from inclusion in a full grant-in-aid athletic
28 scholarship pursuant to the NCAA's rules and regulations.

29 (C) The policy of the institution of higher education's athletic
30 program regarding whether student athletes will receive athletic
31 scholarships for summer school sessions, and if so, whether such
32 scholarships are proportional to athletic scholarships received during the
33 regular academic year.

34 (D) The full grant-in-aid athletic scholarship payment received by all
35 student athletes who live on campus during the academic year and off
36 campus during summer school session.

1 (E) The following information relating to NCAA scholarship rules: (i)
2 A verbal commitment is not binding on either the student athlete or the
3 institution; (ii) the national letter of intent is a binding agreement between
4 a prospective student athlete and an institution of higher education in
5 which the institution agrees to provide a prospective student athlete, who
6 is admitted to the institution and is eligible for financial aid under NCAA
7 rules, other aid for one academic year in exchange for the prospective
8 student athlete's agreement to attend the institution for one academic year;
9 (iii) the national letter of intent must be accompanied by an institutional
10 financial aid agreement; and (iv) if the prospective student athlete signs the
11 national letter of intent, but does not enroll at that institution for a full
12 academic year, such student athlete may be subject to specific penalties,
13 including loss of a season of eligibility and a mandatory residence
14 requirement.

15 (F) The policy of the institution of higher education regarding
16 whether or not such institution may choose to sign more recruited student
17 athletes than it has available athletic scholarships and the consequences to
18 the athletic scholarship opportunities of recruited and current student
19 athletes in such situations.

20 (2) Athletic scholarship renewal information, including, but not
21 limited to:

22 (A) The NCAA's policy regarding scholarship duration.

23 (B) The policy of the institution of higher education's athletic
24 program concerning the renewal or nonrenewal of an athletic scholarship,
25 including circumstances in which a student athlete in good standing suffers
26 a temporary or permanent sports-related injury, there is a change in
27 coaching or a student athlete's athletic performance is deemed to be below
28 expectations.

29 (3) Athletically-related medical expenses information, including, but
30 not limited to:

31 (A) The NCAA's policy regarding whether athletic programs are
32 mandated to pay for the athletically-related medical expenses.

33 (B) The policy of the institution of higher education's athletic
34 program regarding whether such program will pay for a student athlete's
35 athletically-related medical expenses, including deductibles, copayments,
36 coinsurance or any such medical expenses that exceed any maximum
37 insurance coverage limits.

38 (C) The policy of the institution of higher education's athletic
39 program regarding who is required to pay for any required athletically-
40 related insurance premiums for student athletes who do not have insurance
41 coverage.

42 (D) The duration of time the institution of higher education's athletic
43 program will continue to pay for athletically-related medical expenses

1 after a student athlete's athletic eligibility expires.

2 (E) Whether or not an athletic program's medical policy covers
3 expenses associated with attaining a second medical opinion for an
4 athletically-related injury from a physician who is not associated with the
5 athletic program, and whether the athletic program provides coverage for
6 services provided by such a physician.

7 (4) Athletic release information, including, but not limited to:

8 (A) The NCAA's policy regarding whether an athletic program may
9 refuse to grant an athletic release to a student athlete who wishes to
10 transfer to another institution of higher education.

11 (B) The policy of the postsecondary educational institution's athletic
12 program regarding whether it may refuse to grant an athletic release for a
13 student athlete who wishes to transfer to another institution of higher
14 education.

15 (C) Commencing January 1, 2013, an institution of higher education
16 that provides, by any delivery method, written material regarding its
17 athletic program to a student athlete shall include in such materials a direct
18 link to such institution's internet web page, where the student athlete shall
19 have the access to the "student athletes' right to know" hyperlink and all of
20 the information regarding the institution's athletic scholarship program as
21 provided in subsection (b).

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
23 publication in the statute book.
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