

HB 1346 -- Student Athlete Agents

Sponsor: Talboy

This bill changes the laws regarding student athlete agents. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Revises the definition of "athlete agent" to include a person who is authorized by a student athlete to enter into an agreement, works for or on behalf of an athlete agent, or represents to the public that he or she is an athlete agent and a relative or guardian of a student athlete under certain conditions;
- (2) Requires an athlete agency to provide notice to the athletic director of an educational institution prior to contacting a student athlete if the athlete is enrolled in the educational institution. If an athlete agent contacts a student athlete, intentionally or unintentionally, the agent must notify the athletic director of the athlete's educational institution within 70 hours of the contact;
- (3) Requires the athlete agent and the student athlete to provide written notice within a specified time frame to the athletic director of an educational institution of any oral agreement to enter into a contract;
- (4) Specifies that an athlete agent cannot furnish a good or service of value or arrange for a good or service of value to be furnished with the intent to induce a student athlete to enter into a contract;
- (5) Specifies that an athlete agent who commits an action with the intent to induce a student athlete to enter into a contract will be guilty of a class D felony for the first offense and a class C felony for any subsequent offense;
- (6) Increases from a class B misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor certain acts of an athlete agent when done intentionally and makes it a class D felony for any subsequent offense; and
- (7) Authorizes the Attorney General to seek a civil penalty against an athlete agent of up to \$250,000 for any violation and allows a court of competent jurisdiction to revoke a certificate of registration.