

HB 498 -- COMPENSATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

SPONSOR: Schroer

This bill enacts provisions governing the compensation for a student athlete. In its main provisions the bill:

- (1) Prohibits public or private institutions of higher education from preventing a student from earning compensation for the student's name, image, likeness rights, or athletic reputation;
- (2) Limits these institutions from preventing a student from participating in intercollegiate athletics if the student earns compensation, or from hiring professional representation as outlined in the bill;
- (3) Prohibits the postsecondary educational institution from revoking or reducing any grant-in-aid or stipend if a student earns compensation;
- (4) Limits a student athlete from entering into any contract for compensation that requires the athlete to display a sponsor's apparel, equipment, beverage, or otherwise advertise for the sponsor during official team activities if it would conflict with the provisions of the athlete's team contract;
- (5) Limits team activities to not exceed 20 hours per week during the season and eight hours per week during the off-season;
- (6) Requires a postsecondary educational institution that enters into a commercial agreement that directly or indirectly requires the use of an athlete's name, image, likeness, or athletic reputation to conduct a financial development program, as specified in the bill, of up to 15 hours once per year for their athletes;
- (7) Specifies that an attorney representing an athlete must be licensed in Missouri;
- (8) Allows any athlete to bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief or actual damages, or both against third parties violating this provision in the county that the violation occurs; and
- (9) Specifies that any student and state or local prosecutor seeking to prosecute a violator shall not be deprived of any protections provided under law with respect to a controversy that arises, and shall have the right to adjudicate claims that arise under this provision.

This bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2022.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1564, 1792 & 1748 (2020).