

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 200

BY SENATOR STINE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Provides for restrictions to international intercollegiate athlete's compensation, rights, and athletic scholarships. (8/1/25)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3702(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3702(5), 3703(O), and 3705, relative to postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to athletic scholarships; to define an international intercollegiate athlete; to provide for restrictions on intercollegiate athlete's compensation and rights; to provide a limit on athletic scholarships awarded to citizens of a foreign country; to provide restrictions on international intercollegiate athletes and athletic scholarships; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3702(4) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3702(5), 3703(O), and 3705 are enacted to read as follows:

§3702. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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(4) "International intercollegiate athlete" means a student who is not a citizen or national of the United States or a trust territory or protectorate of the

United States that is enrolled in a postsecondary education institution and participates in an athletic program.

~~(4)~~**(5)** "Postsecondary education institution" means a Louisiana public postsecondary education institution or nonpublic postsecondary institution that receives or disburses any form of state student financial assistance, including scholarships and grants.

§3703. Intercollegiate athlete's compensation and rights; responsibilities of postsecondary education institutions

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O. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a nonresident international student athlete unless they have obtained permanent legal status in the United States.

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§3705. Athletic scholarships for international students; restrictions

A. For each athletic program, a postsecondary education institution shall not award more than twenty-five percent of available athletic scholarships, grants, or other financial aid, conditioned on student participation in the program, for an academic year to students who are citizens of a foreign country.

B. An international intercollegiate athlete shall not be eligible to receive any scholarship as described in this Section if they have previously received, directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletic skill or participation.

Section 2. This Act shall be known as the "Make American Athletics Great Again Act".

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law (R.S. 17:3702) provides definitions related to intercollegiate athletics.

Proposed law retains present law and further defines an "international intercollegiate athlete".

Present law (R.S. 17:3703) provides that an intercollegiate athlete at a postsecondary education institution can earn compensation for the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness.

Proposed law clarifies that present law does not apply to a nonresident international student athlete unless they have obtained permanent legal status in the U.S.

Proposed law (R.S. 17:3705) limits the amount of athletic scholarships awarded to students who are citizens of a foreign country to 25% of scholarships allowed to be given for an academic year.

Proposed law prohibits an international intercollegiate athlete from receiving an athletic scholarship if they have previously received a salary or financial assistance from a professional sports organization.

Proposed law provides that the law will be known as the "Make American Athletics Great Again Act".

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 17:3702(4); adds R.S. 17:3702(5), 3703(O), and 3705)