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H 4031 General Bill, By Howard Similar (S 0256)

Summary: Student athletes

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 157 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT ATHLETE MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF HIS NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT PROVIDE A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ATHLETE WITH COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT ATHLETE MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS ARE NOT CONSIDERED COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT ATHLETE MAY NOT ENTER INTO CERTAIN CONTRACTS IN CONFLICT WITH THE ATHLETE'S TEAM CONTRACT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A TEAM CONTRACT MAY NOT PREVENT A STUDENT ATHLETE FROM USING HIS NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES WHEN THE STUDENT ATHLETE IS NOT ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL TEAM ACTIVITIES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN STIPENDS, TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT ATHLETE WHO PARTICIPATES IN MORE THAN ONE SPORT ONLY MAY RECEIVE ONE STIPEND, TO PROVIDE THAT STIPENDS AWARDED ARE CONSIDERED FINANCIAL AID, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ACCOUNTING OF THE STIPENDS AWARDED; BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT ATHLETE TRUST FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS INTO THE TRUST FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON STUDENT ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE SPORT, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PAYMENTS TO STUDENT ATHLETES ARE FINANCIAL AID, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACCOUNTING; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO ATHLETE AGENTS AND STUDENT ATHLETE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AGENCY CONTRACTS INCLUDE THE STUDENT ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS.

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