

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4902 General Bill, By Hiott, G.M. Smith, Bannister, Rutherford, Brittain, Guest, Stavrinakis, Erickson, Caskey, Pope, Collins, B. Newton, Davis, Herbkersman, Hixon, Willis, Reese and Gilliard

Summary: Intercollegiate Athletes' Compensation for Name, Image, or Likeness

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO AN EXEMPTION OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION MAINTAINED BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE AN EXCEPTION TO THE EXEMPTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT RECORDS OF AGGREGATE REVENUE FUNDS EXPENDED FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS REVENUE-SHARING PROGRAMS BY A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EACH FISCAL YEAR ARE SUBJECT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SUBJECT TO EXCEPTIONS FROM SUCH DISCLOSURE FOR INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE PAYMENTS, SPORT-SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS, AND NEGOTIATION RECORDS.

01/14/26 House Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference (House Journal-page 90)
01/15/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Reese, Gilliard
01/15/26 House Read second time (House Journal-page 36)
01/15/26 House Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-2 (House Journal-page 37)
01/15/26 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 38)
01/16/26 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 1)
01/20/26 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 10)
01/20/26 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 10)