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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 3255 Introduced on January 14, 2025
Subject: Uniform Athlete Agents Act
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s): Tipton
Impact Date: March 24, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill permits a certified athlete agent as defined by the bill to pay eligible expenses incurred before the signing of an agency contract by a student athlete or other authorized person.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on state institutions of higher learning, based on responses from the University of South Carolina (USC), Clemson University (Clemson), Coastal Carolina University (CCU), the College of Charleston (CofC), Winthrop University (Winthrop), and Lander University (Lander). These institutions report that any requirements of student athletes or athletic departments as a result of the bill will be minimal and managed under current budgets.

An athlete agent in violation of the provisions of this bill is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned for up to three years, or both. This bill may result in an increase in the number of circuit court cases. Judicial anticipates that the bill will be managed with current court resources; however, if the bill has an unanticipated impact on caseloads or downstream expenses, Judicial will request an increase in General Fund appropriations.

This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court due to a potential increase in the caseload in circuit court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in a change to General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill permits certified athlete agent to pay eligible expenses incurred before the signing of an agency contract by a student athlete or other authorized person. The bill provides that payments for expenses by certified athlete agents are allowed if the expenses are for the benefit of an authorized athlete, of a type authorized to be paid by a certified agent, and for a purpose authorized by the national association that certified the agent. The bill defines “certified athlete agents” as athlete agents registered under the provisions of the chapter who are certified to be an

athlete agent by a national association that promotes or regulates intercollegiate athletics and establishes eligibility standards for participation by a student athlete in their respective sport.

State Institutions of Higher Learning. This bill amends code related to the regulation of student athlete agents. Based on responses provided by USC, Clemson, CCU, CofC, Winthrop, and Lander, any requirements of student athletes or athletic departments as a result of the bill will be minimal and managed under current budgets.

Judicial. An athlete agent in violation of the provisions of this bill is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned for up to three years, or both. This bill may result in an increase in the number of circuit court cases. Judicial anticipates that the bill will be managed with current court resources; however, if the bill has an unanticipated impact on caseloads or downstream expenses, Judicial will request an increase in General Fund appropriations.

State Revenue

This bill may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court due to an increase in the caseload in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in a change to General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

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