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LCO No. 3584



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE UNIONIZATION OF COLLEGE ATHLETES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The Labor Commissioner, in
2 consultation with the Commissioner of Higher Education, shall
3 conduct a study of the unionization of college athletes. Such study
4 shall determine the feasibility of such unionization and, if such
5 unionization is feasible, determine the steps necessary to implement
6 such unionization in the state. Not later than October 1, 2016, the Labor
7 Commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
8 the general statutes, shall submit a report to the joint standing
9 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to labor and higher education concerning such study. Such
11 report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) A summary of legislative
12 initiatives in other states exploring such unionization, (2) a summary
13 of the potential positive and negative impacts of such unionization,
14 including any financial impact that such unionization may have on the
15 state, (3) proposed model statutory language required to implement
16 such unionization in the state, and (4) recommendations for any

17 further actions necessary to explore the unionization of college athletes
18 in the state.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Labor Commissioner to conduct a study regarding the unionization of college athletes in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]