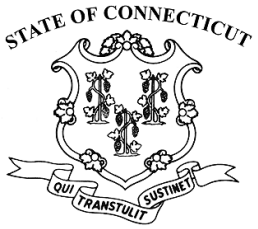

House Bill No. 7066

Public Act No. 25-1

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN DRONES, GRANTS TO CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND STUDENT ATHLETE COMPENSATION THROUGH ENDORSEMENT CONTRACTS AND REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENTS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than April 1, 2025, each (1) superintendent of schools for a school district, (2) regional educational service center, (3) governing authority for a state charter school, and (4) endowed or incorporated academy approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-34 of the general statutes, shall designate at least one administrator at each school in the school district or under the jurisdiction of the regional educational service center or governing authority of the state charter school, to serve as the individual responsible for interacting with a federal immigration authority, as defined in section 54-192h of the general statutes, who appears in person at the location of such school or otherwise contacts the school to request information. In the course of interacting with a federal immigration authority, the administrator shall implement the protocols of the school security and safety plan, developed pursuant to section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, relating to interactions with a federal immigration authority.

(b) No local or regional board of education, regional educational service center, governing authority for a state charter school or endowed or incorporated academy shall discipline, suspend, terminate or otherwise punish an employee or an administrator designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for (1) implementing the protocols of the school security and safety plan relating to interactions with a federal immigration authority, or (2) taking any of the actions described in subparagraphs (B)(ii) and (B)(iii) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, during an interaction with a federal immigration authority.

Sec. 2. Section 10-222m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall develop and implement a school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board. Such plans shall be based on (1) the school security and safety plan standards developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, pursuant to section 10-222n, and (2) on and after the effective date of this section, the Guidance to K-12 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the Department of Education on January 28, 2025. Each local and regional board of education shall annually review and update, if necessary, such plans.

(b) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall establish a school security and safety committee at each school under the jurisdiction of such board. The school security and safety committee shall be responsible for assisting in the development of the school security and safety plan for the school and administering such plan. Such school security and safety committee shall consist of a local police officer, a local first responder, a teacher **[**and an administrator**]**

employed at the school, the administrator designated pursuant to section 1 of this act, a mental health professional, as defined in section 10-76t, a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school and any other person the board of education deems necessary. Any parent or guardian serving as a member of a school security and safety committee shall not have access to any information reported to such committee, pursuant to subparagraph (c) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-222k.

(2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2024, each local and regional board of education shall update the school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board to include protocols for interacting with a federal immigration authority, as defined in section 54-192h, who appears in person at a school under the jurisdiction of such board or otherwise contacts a school to request information. Such protocols shall (A) be based on the Guidance to K-12 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the Department of Education on January 28, 2025, and (B) include, at a minimum, (i) the designation of at least one administrator at each school to serve as the individual responsible for interacting with the federal immigration authority, pursuant to section 1 of this act, (ii) provisions that such administrator, or any other school employee, may (I) request and record a federal immigration authority's identification, including the name, badge or identification number, telephone number and business card of such federal immigration authority, (II) ask such federal immigration authority if such federal immigration authority is in possession of a judicial warrant to support such federal immigration authority's request and, if so, to produce such judicial warrant, (III) review any warrant or other materials that such federal immigration authority produces to determine who issued such warrant and what such warrant or other material authorizes such federal immigration authority to do, and (IV) consult with legal counsel for the school district, or guidance developed by such legal counsel, on how to interact

with such federal immigration authority with regards to the nature of the request, whether a warrant is produced, the details of any such warrant, whether such warrant is a judicial warrant or an administrative warrant, whether such federal immigration authority is claiming exigent circumstances, and any other consideration identified by such legal counsel, and (iii) permit other school personnel to direct such federal immigration authority who requests access to any records, information, the interior of the school building or other school personnel to communicate with the administrator designated to interact with such federal immigration authority.

(c) Each local and regional board of education shall annually submit the school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board, developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Sec. 3. Section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by section 63 of public act 23-167, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall develop and implement a school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board. Such plans shall be based on (1) the school security and safety plan standards developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, pursuant to section 10-222n, and (2) on and after the effective date of this section, the Guidance to K-12 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the Department of Education on January 28, 2025. Each local and regional board of education shall annually review and update, if necessary, such plans.

(b) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall

establish a school security and safety committee at each school under the jurisdiction of such board. The school security and safety committee shall be responsible for assisting in the development of the school security and safety plan for the school and administering such plan. Such school security and safety committee shall consist of a local police officer, a local first responder, a teacher **[**and an administrator**]** employed at the school, the administrator designated pursuant to section 1 of this act, a mental health professional, as defined in section 10-76t, a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school and any other person the board of education deems necessary. Any parent or guardian serving as a member of a school security and safety committee shall not have access to information reported to such committee that would result in a violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, as amended from time to time.

(2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2024, each local and regional board of education shall update the school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board to include protocols for interacting with a federal immigration authority, as defined in section 54-192h, who appears in person at a school under the jurisdiction of such board or otherwise contacts a school to request information. Such protocols shall (A) be based on the Guidance to K-12 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the Department of Education on January 28, 2025, and (B) include, at a minimum, (i) the designation of at least one administrator at each school to serve as the individual responsible for interacting with the federal immigration authority, pursuant to section 1 of this act, (ii) provisions that such administrator, or any other school employee, may (I) request and record a federal immigration authority's identification, including the name, badge or identification number, telephone number and business card of such federal immigration authority, (II) ask such federal immigration authority if such federal immigration authority is in possession of a judicial warrant to support such federal immigration

authority's request and, if so, to produce such judicial warrant, (III) review any warrant or other materials that such federal immigration authority produces to determine who issued such warrant and what such warrant or other material authorizes such federal immigration authority to do, and (IV) consult with legal counsel for the school district, or guidance developed by such legal counsel, on how to interact with such federal immigration authority with regards to the nature of the request, whether a warrant is produced, the details of any such warrant, whether such warrant is a judicial warrant or an administrative warrant, whether such federal immigration authority is claiming exigent circumstances, and any other consideration identified by such legal counsel, and (iii) permit other school personnel to direct such federal immigration authority who requests access to any records, information, the interior of the school building or other school personnel to communicate with the administrator designated to interact with such federal immigration authority.

(c) Each local and regional board of education shall annually submit the school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board, developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than seven calendar days after the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Education shall provide notice of the provisions of section 1 of this act and the amendments to section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to each (1) superintendent of schools for a school district, (2) regional educational service center, (3) governing authority for a state charter school, and (4) endowed or incorporated academy approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-34 of the general statutes.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Covered foreign entity" means (A) any person who is included in (i) the Consolidated Screening List maintained by the United States Department of Commerce, United States Department of State and United States Department of Treasury, or (ii) the Entity List, Supplement 4 to 15 CFR Part 744, as amended from time to time, (B) the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and any governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, (C) any person domiciled in the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation, (D) any person under the control or influence of the People's Republic of China or the Russian Federation, and (E) any affiliate or subsidiary of any foreign government or person described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision;

(2) "Department head" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-5 of the general statutes;

(3) "Exigent circumstances" means significantly changed circumstances that were unforeseeable and pose an imminent threat to public health or safety;

(4) "Municipality" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-148 of the general statutes;

(5) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, government, governmental subdivision, agency, instrumentality or other legal entity;

(6) "Small unmanned aircraft system" (A) means any unmanned powered aircraft that (i) is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft, and (ii) weighs less than fifty-five pounds including anything attached to or carried by the aircraft, and (B) includes (i) all elements that (I) are associated with the aircraft described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (II) are required for the operator to operate the aircraft described in

subparagraph (A) of this subdivision safely and efficiently in the national airspace system, and (ii) any communication links and components that control the aircraft described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and

(7) "State agency" means any agency with a department head.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection and subsection (d) of this section:

(A) Beginning October 1, 2025, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall not purchase any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity; and

(B) Beginning October 1, 2027, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall not operate any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity.

(2) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into before October 1, 2025.

(3) The provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into before October 1, 2027.

(c) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection and subsection (d) of this section:

(A) Beginning October 1, 2026, (i) no state agency or municipality shall purchase any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity, (ii) no person who enters into a contract with any state agency or municipality shall, pursuant to such contract, purchase any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or

manufactured by a covered foreign entity, and (iii) no state or federal funds, including, but not limited to, any state or federal funds awarded or paid pursuant to a contract, cooperative agreement or grant, shall be used to purchase any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity; and

(B) Beginning October 1, 2028, (i) no state agency or municipality shall operate any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity, (ii) no person who enters into a contract with any state agency or municipality shall, pursuant to such contract, operate any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity, and (iii) no state or federal funds, including, but not limited to, any state or federal funds awarded or paid pursuant to a contract, cooperative agreement or grant, shall be used to operate any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity.

(2) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into before October 1, 2026.

(3) The provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into before October 1, 2028.

(d) (1) During the period beginning October 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2034, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may waive the prohibitions established in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section if (A) the commissioner determines that such waiver is necessary (i) due to exigent circumstances, (ii) to counter another small unmanned aircraft system, or (iii) for the purposes of any criminal investigation, and (B) not later than seven days after the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection uses the small unmanned aircraft system, the commissioner creates a written

statement, certified by the commissioner, disclosing (i) the reason set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision that provides the basis for the commissioner's determination that such waiver is necessary, and (ii) facts supporting the commissioner's determination that such waiver is necessary for such reason.

(2) During the period beginning October 1, 2028, and ending December 31, 2034, the department head of the state agency, the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality or the chief of the paid municipal or volunteer fire department may waive the prohibitions established in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section if (A) the department head or chief determines that such waiver is necessary (i) due to exigent circumstances, (ii) to counter another small unmanned aircraft system, or (iii) for the purposes of any criminal investigation, and (B) not later than seven days after the state agency, municipality or contractor uses the small unmanned aircraft system, the department head or chief submits to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection a written statement, certified by the department head or chief, disclosing (i) the reason set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision that provides the basis for such department head's or chief's determination that such waiver is necessary, and (ii) facts supporting the department head's or chief's determination that such waiver is necessary for such reason.

(3) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall maintain each written statement created by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection or submitted to the department pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The commissioner shall, upon request, disclose a copy of any such written statement to any member of the General Assembly. Each such written statement shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) As used in this section and sections 7 and 8 of this act:

(1) "Aircraft" and "unmanned aircraft" have the same meanings as provided in section 15-34 of the general statutes;

(2) "Ammunition" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-217 of the general statutes;

(3) "Armed forces of the state" has the same meaning as such term is used in section 27-2 of the general statutes;

(4) "Armed forces of the United States" means armed forces, as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes;

(5) "Critical infrastructure facility" means (A) the following types of properties, provided any such property is completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier that is clearly designed to exclude intruders from such property, or the property is clearly marked with at least one sign that is posted on the property, reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders on such property and indicates that the operation of unmanned aircraft is prohibited: (i) An electrical generating facility, electric substation or switchyard or electric control system, (ii) a facility for storing, receiving or processing petroleum products and other fuels, (iii) a chemical or rubber manufacturing or storage facility, (iv) a correctional facility, (v) a telecommunications central office or wireless telecommunications infrastructure, (vi) a commercial port, harbor, rail yard, truck terminal or other freight transportation facility, (vii) a plant for the manufacture and distribution of gas, (viii) a transmission facility of a television or radio station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, (ix) any portion of an above-ground oil, gas or chemical pipeline, (x) a dam classified as a high or significant hazard by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, (xi) an air navigation facility, as defined in section 15-34 of

the general statutes, (xii) a military facility, as defined in section 27-39 of the general statutes, (xiii) a reservoir, water treatment plant, distribution system and pumping station or wastewater treatment plant, collection system and pump station, (xiv) a facility used primarily by a defense contractor, as defined in 32 CFR 158.3, as amended from time to time, (xv) a government office building, (xvi) a hospital, (xvii) a public safety building or facility, (xviii) a state or locally owned bridge; or (B) a limited access highway, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, or a tunnel located on a limited access highway;

(6) "Dangerous instrument" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of the general statutes;

(7) "Deadly weapon" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of the general statutes;

(8) "Explosive or incendiary device" has the same meaning as provided in section 53-206b of the general statutes;

(9) "Firearm" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of the general statutes;

(10) "Firefighter" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-313g of the general statutes;

(11) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, government, governmental subdivision, agency, instrumentality or other legal entity;

(12) "Police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes; and

(13) "Public service company" has the same meaning as provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes.

Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Except as provided in

subsections (b) and (c) of this section, no person shall (1) operate any unmanned aircraft, or program an unmanned aircraft to operate, at a height of less than two hundred fifty feet above ground level of a critical infrastructure facility or within one hundred horizontal feet of a critical infrastructure facility or, in the case of a tunnel, inside such tunnel, or (2) use any unmanned aircraft to conduct surveillance of, gather evidence of or collect information concerning a critical infrastructure facility unless such person has obtained prior approval of the owner or administrator of such critical infrastructure facility.

(b) The provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a person operating an unmanned aircraft for commercial purposes in compliance with authorization granted by the Federal Aviation Administration to the extent such operation is necessary for such commercial purpose.

(c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to the operation of an unmanned aircraft by, or on behalf of, an employee of the federal government, the state or a political subdivision of the state, a member of the armed forces of the United States, a member of the armed forces of the state, a firefighter, a police officer, an emergency management director or an employee of a public service company when such operation is in the performance of the official duties of such employee, member, firefighter, officer or director.

(d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person shall equip an aircraft or unmanned aircraft with a deadly weapon, a dangerous instrument, a firearm, ammunition or an explosive or incendiary device.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to

any aircraft or unmanned aircraft operated by (1) a member of the armed forces of the United States or armed forces of the state while engaged in the performance of such member's official duties, or (2) a police officer, firefighter or emergency management director while engaged in rescue services or the provision of emergency services to persons who are in dangerous or perilous circumstances when such aircraft or unmanned aircraft is equipped with a motorized breaching tool.

(c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The following sums are appropriated from the GENERAL FUND for the purpose herein specified for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

GENERAL FUND	2024-2025
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT	
Other Expenses	2,087,500
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
Community Health Services	800,000
TOTAL – GENERAL FUND	2,887,500

Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) The amount appropriated in section 9 of this act to the Judicial Department, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be made available in said fiscal year for the following grants:

Grantee	Grant
Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc.	62,500
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich, Inc.	62,500

Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition, Inc.	62,500
Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc.	62,500
Anchor Health Initiative Corp.	62,500
Middlesex Hospital	62,500
Triangle Community Center, Inc.	62,500
Queer Youth Program of Connecticut, Inc.	62,500
Kids in Crisis, Inc.	62,500
OutCT, Inc.	62,500
Bridgeport Pride Center, Inc.	62,500
PFLAG Enfield, Inc.	62,500
PEERPRIDE, Inc.	62,500
The World Health Clinicians, Inc.	62,500
Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs	62,500
Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative, Inc.	62,500
City Seed, Inc.	62,500
Building One Community Corp.	62,500
Havenly, Inc.	62,500
Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, Inc. dba The Health Collective	387,500
New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Inc.	225,000
Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, Inc.	225,000
Junta For Progressive Action, Inc.	62,500

Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) The amount of eight hundred thousand dollars appropriated in section 9 of this act to the Department of Public Health, for Community Health Services, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be made available in said fiscal year for a grant to Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Inc.

Sec. 12. Section 10a-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Student athlete" means a student **[**enrolled at**]** who attends or has agreed to attend an institution of higher education **[**who**]** and participates or has agreed to participate in an intercollegiate athletic

program;

(2) "Intercollegiate athletic program" means a program at an institution of higher education for sports played at the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of college athletics;

(3) "Compensation" means the receipt, whether directly or indirectly, of any cryptocurrency, money, goods, services, other item of value, in-kind contributions and any other form of payment or remuneration;

(4) "Endorsement contract" means a written agreement under which a student athlete is employed or receives compensation for the use by another party of such student athlete's person, name, image or likeness in the promotion of any product, service or event;

(5) "Sports agent" means a duly licensed person who negotiates or solicits a contract on behalf of a student athlete in accordance with the Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act, 15 USC 7801, et seq., as amended from time to time;

(6) "NCAA" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55k;

(7) "Institutional marks" means the name, logo, trademarks, mascot, unique colors, copyrights and other defining insignia of an institution of higher education;

(8) "Institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-55, and a for-profit institution of higher education licensed to operate in this state;

(9) "Official team activities" means all games, practices, exhibitions, scrimmages, team appearances, team photograph sessions, sports camps sponsored by the institution of higher education and other team-

organized activities, including, but not limited to, individual photograph sessions, news media interviews and other related activities as specified by the institution of higher education; **[**and**]**

(10) "Prohibited endorsements" means receipt of compensation by, or employment of, a student athlete for use of the student athlete's person, name, image or likeness in association with any product, category of companies, brands or types of endorsement contracts that the institution of higher education prohibits endorsing by policy; and

(11) "Revenue sharing agreement" means an agreement between an institution of higher education, or an entity acting on such institution's behalf, and a student athlete through which a student athlete shares in a portion of the revenue of such institution as compensation.

(b) **[**On or after January 1, 2022, or the date on which an institution of higher education in the state adopts or updates its policy in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of this section, whichever is earlier, any**]** (1) A student athlete **[**who is enrolled at such**]** at an institution of higher education in the state may earn compensation through an endorsement contract or employment in an activity that is unrelated to any intercollegiate athletic program and obtain the legal or professional representation of an attorney or sports agent through a written agreement, provided such student athlete complies with the policy or policies adopted by **[**his or her**]** such student athlete's institution of higher education regarding student athlete endorsement contracts and employment activities.

(2) A student athlete at an institution of higher education in the state may earn compensation through an endorsement contract or a revenue sharing agreement directly with such institution of higher education, or an entity acting on behalf of such institution of higher education, provided such institution of higher education adopts one or more policies allowing endorsement contracts or revenue sharing agreements

with student athletes and such student athlete complies with such policy or policies.

(c) Each institution of higher education shall adopt one or more policies regarding student athlete endorsement contracts, employment activities and the use of institutional marks. Such policy or policies shall include provisions for: (1) Requiring a student athlete to disclose and submit a copy to **[**his or her**]** such student athlete's institution of higher education of each endorsement contract, written agreement for employment and representation agreement executed by the student athlete; (2) prohibiting a student athlete from entering into an agreement that conflicts with the provisions of any agreement to which the institution of higher education is a party, provided such institution shall disclose to the student athlete or the student athlete's attorney or sports agent the provisions of the agreement that are in conflict; (3) prohibiting a student athlete's performance of the endorsement contract or employment activity from interfering with any official team activities or academic obligations; and (4) identifying any prohibited endorsements.

(d) No provision of this section shall be construed to (1) require an institution of higher education or an athletic association or conference, including, but not limited to, the NCAA, to compensate a student athlete for use of **[**his or her**]** such student's name, image or likeness or to enter into a revenue sharing agreement with a student athlete; (2) require a student athlete or any other person to compensate an institution of higher education or an athletic association or conference, including, but not limited to, the NCAA for a student athlete's endorsement contract or employment activity that is in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section; (3) qualify any scholarship or other financial aid that a student athlete receives from an institution of higher education as compensation; (4) qualify a student athlete as an employee of an institution of higher education; (5) require an institution of higher education to take any action in violation of the Discrimination Based on

Sex and Blindness Act, 20 USC 1681, et seq., as amended from time to time; (6) prohibit a student athlete from engaging in an employment activity that entails coaching or performing a sport, provided such activity is not related to any intercollegiate athletic program; (7) prohibit an institution of higher education from using a student athlete's name, image or likeness in connection with official team activities; or (8) require an institution of higher education to allow a student athlete to use or consent to the use of any institutional marks.

(e) No athletic association or conference, including, but not limited to, the NCAA, on the basis of a student athlete's endorsement contract, employment activity, revenue sharing agreement or representation by an attorney or sports agent pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, shall (1) prohibit or prevent an institution of higher education or its intercollegiate athletic program from participating in intercollegiate sports, (2) restrict or revoke a student athlete's eligibility to participate in an intercollegiate athletic program, (3) prohibit or prevent a student athlete from earning compensation from such endorsement contract, **[**or**]** employment activity **[**,**]** or revenue sharing agreement, (4) prohibit or prevent a student athlete from representation by a duly licensed attorney or sports agent, or (5) take action on a complaint, open an investigation or take any adverse action against an institution of higher education, an entity acting on behalf of such institution, an employee of such institution or a student athlete for activity permitted under this section, including, but not limited to, direct compensation of a student athlete through an endorsement contract or a revenue sharing agreement.

(f) (1) No institution of higher education, on the basis of a student athlete's endorsement contract, employment activity or representation by an attorney or sports agent pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, shall (A) prohibit or prevent such student athlete from earning compensation from such endorsement contract or employment activity,

(B) prohibit or prevent such student athlete from representation by a duly licensed attorney or sports agent, or (C) restrict or revoke such student athlete's eligibility for a scholarship or to participate in the intercollegiate athletic program at such institution.

(2) **[**Notwithstanding section 1-210 with respect to public institutions of higher education, no institution of higher education shall disclose any record of**]** With respect to public institutions of higher education, records of the compensation received by a student athlete from an endorsement contract**, [**or**]** employment activity or revenue sharing agreement entered into or engaged in pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, unless the **[**institution**]** public institution of higher education receives the written consent of the student athlete for each disclosure.

[(3) Not later than January 1, 2022, the governing board of each institution of higher education shall adopt or update its policies, as necessary, to carry out the purposes of this section.**]**

(g) No provision of subsections (d) and (f) of this section shall be construed to prevent an institution of higher education or an athletic association or conference, including, but not limited to, the NCAA, from prohibiting a student athlete's participation in an intercollegiate athletic program, revoking a student athlete's eligibility for a scholarship or taking any other punitive or legal action if such student athlete's endorsement contract, employment activity or representation by an attorney or sport agent does not comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

(h) **[**No student athlete may receive compensation for use of such student athlete's name, image or likeness as an inducement to attend, enroll in or continue attending a specific institution of higher education or intercollegiate athletic program.**]** An institution of higher education,

or an entity acting on behalf of such institution, may create, facilitate, negotiate, support, assist with or otherwise enable opportunities for a student athlete or a prospective student athlete to earn compensation for use of such student athlete's name, image or likeness or any other compensation related to such student athlete's participation in an intercollegiate athletic program.

(i) No institution of higher education shall use state funds appropriated to such institution for compensation of a student athlete pursuant to an endorsement contract or a revenue sharing agreement.

Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, each public institution of higher education that enters into a revenue sharing agreement with a student athlete pursuant to section 10a-56 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement a report stating the amount of total revenue that is used as compensation for student athletes and the total number of student athletes receiving such compensation.

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