

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To exempt intercollegiate athletic conferences and interstate intercollegiate athletic associations from the antitrust laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Collegiate Sports In-
5 tegrity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANTITRUST EXEMPTION FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE**
7 **ATHLETIC CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ANTITRUST LAWS.—The term “antitrust
2 laws” has the meaning given the term in the first
3 section of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12), except
4 that such term includes section 5 of the Federal
5 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent
6 such section 5 applies to unfair methods of competi-
7 tion.

8 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
9 term “institution of higher education” has the
10 meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher
11 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

12 (3) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CON-
13 FERENCE.—The term “intercollegiate athletic con-
14 ference” means—

15 (A) an organization or association that—
16 (i) exclusively has as members 2 or
17 more institutions of higher education; and
18 (ii) arranges championships and sets
19 rules for intercollegiate athletic competi-
20 tion; or
21 (B) any institution of higher education
22 that competes against another institution of
23 higher education in an athletic competition.

1 (4) INTERSTATE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
2 ASSOCIATION.—The term “interstate intercollegiate
3 athletic association”—

4 (A) means a not-for-profit corporation, an
5 association, or any other group organized in the
6 United States that—

7 (i) sponsors or arranges intercollegiate
8 athletic competition between institutions
9 and intercollegiate athletic conferences;

10 (ii) sets common rules, standards,
11 procedures, or guidelines for the adminis-
12 tration of intercollegiate athletic competi-
13 tion at institutions;

14 (iii) is composed of 2 or more institu-
15 tions or conferences that are located in dif-
16 ferent States; and

17 (B) does not include a corporation, asso-
18 ciation, or other group affiliated with profes-
19 sional athletic competition.

20 (b) EXEMPTION.—The antitrust laws shall not apply
21 to intercollegiate athletic conferences or interstate inter-
22 collegiate athletic associations.