

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3454

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; creating the
8 Collegiate Athletics Accountability Act; prohibiting
9 certain higher education institutions from being a
10 member of a nonprofit athletic association unless the
11 association has certain requirements; specifying
12 requirement for baseline concussion testing;
13 specifying requirement for certain due process for
14 violations; specifying requirement for guaranteed
15 athletically related student aid; specifying
16 requirement for allowing stipends to student
17 athletes; providing for codification; and providing
18 an effective date.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 830.1 of Title 70, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Collegiate
24 Athletics Accountability Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 830.2 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A higher education institution that is a member of The Oklahoma
2 State System of Higher Education that has an intercollegiate
3 athletic program shall not be a member of a nonprofit athletic
4 association unless the association:

5 1. Requires annual baseline concussion testing of each student
6 athlete on the active roster of each team participating in a contact
7 or collision sport or a limited-contact or impact sport, as based on
8 the most recent classification of sports published by the Committee
9 on Sports Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics, before the
10 student athlete may participate in any contact drills or activities;

11 2. Prior to enforcing any remedy for an alleged infraction or
12 violation of the policies of the association:

13 a. provides institutions and student athletes with the
14 opportunity for a formal administrative hearing, not
15 less than one appeal, and any other due process
16 procedure deemed to be necessary, and

17 b. hold in abeyance any remedy until all appeals have
18 been exhausted or until the deadline to appeal has
19 passed, whichever is sooner;

20 3. With respect to institutions attended by students receiving
21 athletically related student aid, requires that the athletically
22 related student aid provided to student athletes who play a contact
23 or collision sport be:

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1 a. guaranteed for the duration that the student athlete
2 attends the institution, up to four (4) years,

3 b. irrevocable for reasons related to athletic skill or
4 injury of the student athlete; and

5 4. Does not have in place a policy which prohibits institutions
6 from paying stipends to student athletes.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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