1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)
3	HOUSE BILL 2636 By: Echols
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6	AS INTRODUCED
7	An Act relating to athlete agents; creating the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act; defining terms;
8	providing for application of the Administrative Procedures Act; providing for promulgation of rules;
9	making Secretary of State agent for service of process for nonresident athlete agents; requiring
10	registration; providing acts that may occur before registration; providing that certain contracts are
11	<pre>void; providing for return of consideration; providing registration procedure; requiring</pre>
12	application for registration to contain certain information; providing for issuance of certificate of
13	registration; requiring the Secretary of State to cooperate and exchange information with certain
14	organizations; authorizing the Secretary of State to refuse to issue a certificate of registration for
15	specified reasons; providing for renewal of registration; providing for suspension, revocation
16	and refusal to renew registrations; authorizing issuance of temporary certificate of registration;
17	providing registration and renewal fees; providing for certificates issued under prior law; providing
18 19	for deposit of fees in the Revolving Fund for the Office of Secretary of State; providing requirements
20	for contracts; specifying information to be contained in contract; requiring inclusion of warning;
20	requiring certain notice be given to educational institution and athletic director; requiring
22	educational institution to notify the Secretary of State of known violations; providing right to cancel
22	contract; providing that right cannot be waived; providing that consideration need not be returned; requiring athlete agent to keep certain records for
24	specified period of time; prohibiting certain conduct; providing criminal penalties; providing that
- 1	l conduct, providing criminar penarcies, providing that

1 certain portion of fines be deposited in the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Revolving Fund; authorizing 2 the Secretary of State to assess civil penalties; specifying maximum amount of civil penalties; 3 providing for uniformity of application and construction; providing relation to Electronic 4 Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; amending 78 O.S. 2011, Sections 53 and 54, which 5 relate to the Oklahoma Deceptive Trade Practices Act; expanding acts that constitute deceptive trade 6 practices to include violations of the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act; expanding authority of 7 the Attorney General and district attorneys; repealing 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 821.81, 821.82, 821.83, 821.84, 821.85, as amended by Section 1, 8 Chapter 173, O.S.L. 2012, 821.86, 821.87, 821.88, 9 821.89, 821.90, 821.91, 821.92, 821.93, 821.94, 821.95, 821.96, 821.97, 821.98 and 821.99 (70 O.S. 10 Supp. 2018, Section 821.85), which relate to the Uniform Athlete Agents Act; providing for 11 codification; and providing an effective date. 12 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.1 of Title 70, unless there 17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 18 SHORT TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the 19 "Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act". 20 SECTION 2. A new section of law to be codified NEW LAW 21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.2 of Title 70, unless there 22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 23 DEFINITIONS. As used in the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act: 24

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1. "Agency contract" means an agreement in which a student
 athlete authorizes a person to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the
 athlete a professional-sports-services contract or endorsement
 contract;

2. "Athlete agent":

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means an individual, whether or not registered under 6 a. 7 the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act, who: directly or indirectly recruits or solicits a 8 (1)9 student athlete to enter into an agency contract 10 or, for compensation, procures employment or 11 offers, promises, attempts or negotiates to 12 obtain employment for a student athlete as a 13 professional athlete or member of a professional 14 sports team or organization, 15 (2) for compensation or in anticipation of 16 compensation related to a student athlete's

18 (a) serves the athlete in an advisory capacity
19 on a matter related to finances, business
20 pursuits or career management decisions,
21 unless the individual is an employee of an
22 educational institution acting exclusively
23 as an employee of the institution for the
24 benefit of the institution, or

participation in athletics:

1	(b) manages the business affairs of the athlete
2	by providing assistance with bills,
3	payments, contracts, or taxes, or
4	(3) in anticipation of representing a student athlete
5	for a purpose related to the athlete's
6	participation in athletics:
7	(a) gives consideration to the student athlete
8	or another person,
9	(b) serves the athlete in an advisory capacity
10	on a matter related to finances, business
11	pursuits or career management decisions, or
12	(c) manages the business affairs of the athlete
13	by providing assistance with bills,
14	payments, contracts or taxes, but
15	b. does not include an individual who:
16	(1) acts solely on behalf of a professional sports
17	team or organization, or
18	(2) is a licensed, registered or certified
19	professional and offers or provides services to a
20	student athlete customarily provided by members
21	of the profession, unless the individual:
22	(a) also recruits or solicits the athlete to
23	enter into an agency contract,
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1 also, for compensation, procures employment (b) 2 or offers, promises, attempts or negotiates 3 to obtain employment for the athlete as a 4 professional athlete or member of a 5 professional sports team or organization, or receives consideration for providing the 6 (C) 7 services calculated using a different method than for an individual who is not a student 8 9 athlete;

3. "Athletic director" means the individual responsible for administering the overall athletic program of an educational institution or, if an educational institution has separately administered athletic programs for male students and female students, the athletic program for males or the athletic program for females, as appropriate;

16 4. "Educational institution" includes a public or private 17 elementary school, secondary school, technical or vocational school, 18 community college, college and university;

19 5. "Endorsement contract" means an agreement under which a 20 student athlete is employed or receives consideration to use on 21 behalf of the other party any value that the athlete may have 22 because of publicity, reputation, following or fame obtained because 23 of athletic ability or performance;

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6. "Enrolled" means registered for courses and attending
 athletic practice or class. "Enrolls" has a corresponding meaning;

7. "Intercollegiate sport" means a sport played at the
collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for
participation by a student athlete are established by a national
association that promotes or regulates collegiate athletics;

8. "Interscholastic sport" means a sport played between
educational institutions that are not community colleges, colleges
or universities;

10 9. "Licensed, registered or certified professional" means an individual licensed, registered or certified as an attorney, dealer 11 12 in securities, financial planner, insurance agent, real estate 13 broker or sales agent, tax consultant, accountant, or member of a 14 profession other than that of athlete agent who is licensed, 15 registered or certified by the state or a nationally recognized 16 organization that licenses, registers or certifies members of the 17 profession on the basis of experience, education or testing; 18 "Person" means an individual, estate, business or nonprofit 10.

19 entity, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, 20 agency, or instrumentality or other legal entity;

21 11. "Professional-sports-services contract" means an agreement 22 under which an individual is employed as a professional athlete or 23 agrees to render services as a player on a professional sports team 24 or with a professional sports organization;

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1 12. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible 2 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is 3 retrievable in perceivable form;

4 13. "Recruit or solicit" means attempt to influence the choice 5 of an athlete agent by a student athlete or, if the athlete is a 6 minor, a parent or guardian of the athlete. The term does not 7 include giving advice on the selection of a particular agent in a 8 family, coaching or social situation unless the individual giving 9 the advice does so because of the receipt or anticipated receipt of 10 an economic benefit, directly or indirectly, from the agent;

11 14. "Registration" means registration as an athlete agent under 12 the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act;

13 15. "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt 14 a record:

a. to execute or adopt a tangible symbol, or
b. to attach to or logically associate with the record an
electronic symbol, sound or process;

18 16. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of 19 Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any 20 territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the 21 United States; and

17. "Student athlete" means an individual who is eligible to attend an educational institution and engages in, is eligible to engage in, or may be eligible in the future to engage in any

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1 interscholastic or intercollegiate sport. The term does not include 2 an individual permanently ineligible to participate in a particular 3 interscholastic or intercollegiate sport for that sport.

4 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.3 of Title 70, unless there 6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 SECRETARY OF STATE; AUTHORITY; PROCEDURE.

A. The Administrative Procedures Act applies to the Revised
Uniform Athlete Agents Act. The Secretary of State may adopt rules
under the Administrative Procedures Act to implement the Revised
Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

B. By acting as an athlete agent in this state, a nonresident individual appoints the Secretary of State as the individual's agent for service of process in any civil action in this state related to the individual acting as an athlete agent in this state.

16 C. The Secretary of State may issue a subpoena for material 17 that is relevant to the administration of the Revised Uniform 18 Athlete Agents Act pursuant to Section 315 of Title 75 of the 19 Oklahoma Statutes.

20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.4 of Title 70, unless there 22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 23 ATHLETE AGENT; REGISTRATION REQUIRED; VOID CONTRACT.

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A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this
 section, an individual may not act as an athlete agent in this state
 without holding a certificate of registration under the Revised
 Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

B. Before being issued a certificate of registration under the
Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act an individual may act as an
athlete agent in this state for all purposes except signing an
agency contract, if:

9 1. A student athlete or another person acting on behalf of the10 athlete initiates communication with the individual; and

11 2. Not later than seven (7) days after an initial act that 12 requires the individual to register as an athlete agent, the 13 individual submits an application for registration as an athlete 14 agent in this state.

15 C. An agency contract resulting from conduct in violation of 16 this section is void, and the athlete agent shall return any 17 consideration received under the contract.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.5 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 REGISTRATION AS ATHLETE AGENT; APPLICATION; REQUIREMENTS;22 RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION.

A. An applicant for registration as an athlete agent shall
submit an application for registration to the Secretary of State in

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1 a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. The applicant must be 2 an individual, and the application must be signed by the applicant 3 under penalty of perjury. The application must contain at least the 4 following:

5 1. The name and date and place of birth of the applicant and6 the following contact information for the applicant:

7 a. the address of the applicant's principal place of
8 business,

9 b. work and mobile telephone numbers, and

10 c. any means of communicating electronically, including a 11 facsimile number, electronic-mail address, and 12 personal and business or employer websites;

13 2. The name of the applicant's business or employer, if 14 applicable, including for each business or employer its mailing 15 address, telephone number, organization form and the nature of the 16 business;

17 3. Each social-media account with which the applicant or the 18 applicant's business or employer is affiliated;

19 4. Each business or occupation in which the applicant engaged 20 within five (5) years before the date of the application, including 21 self-employment and employment by others, and any professional or 22 occupational license, registration or certification held by the 23 applicant during that time;

5. A description of the applicant's:

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<ul> <li>b. practical experience as an athlete agent, and</li> <li>c. educational background relating to the applicant's</li> <li>activities as an athlete agent;</li> <li>6. The name of each student athlete for whom the applicant</li> <li>acted as an athlete agent within five (5) years before the date of</li> <li>the application or, if the individual is a minor, the name of the</li> <li>parent or guardian of the minor, together with the athlete's sport</li> <li>and last-known team;</li> <li>7. The name and address of each person that:</li> <li>a. is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate or</li> <li>profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an</li> <li>equity interest of five percent (5%) or greater of the</li> <li>athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation,</li> <li>and</li> <li>b. is an officer or director of a corporation employing</li> </ul>
4       activities as an athlete agent;         5       6. The name of each student athlete for whom the applicant         6       acted as an athlete agent within five (5) years before the date of         7       the application or, if the individual is a minor, the name of the         8       parent or guardian of the minor, together with the athlete's sport         9       and last-known team;         10       7. The name and address of each person that:         11       a. is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate or         12       profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an         13       equity interest of five percent (5%) or greater of the         14       athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation,         15       and
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<ul> <li>acted as an athlete agent within five (5) years before the date of</li> <li>the application or, if the individual is a minor, the name of the</li> <li>parent or guardian of the minor, together with the athlete's sport</li> <li>and last-known team;</li> <li>7. The name and address of each person that:</li> <li>a. is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate or</li> <li>profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an</li> <li>equity interest of five percent (5%) or greater of the</li> <li>athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation,</li> <li>and</li> </ul>
7 the application or, if the individual is a minor, the name of the 8 parent or guardian of the minor, together with the athlete's sport 9 and last-known team; 10 7. The name and address of each person that: 11 a. is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate or 12 profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an 13 equity interest of five percent (5%) or greater of the 14 athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation, 15 and
8 parent or guardian of the minor, together with the athlete's sport 9 and last-known team; 10 7. The name and address of each person that: 11 a. is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate or 12 profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an 13 equity interest of five percent (5%) or greater of the 14 athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation, 15 and
9 and last-known team; 10 7. The name and address of each person that: 11 a. is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate or 12 profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an 13 equity interest of five percent (5%) or greater of the 14 athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation, 15 and
<ul> <li>10</li> <li>7. The name and address of each person that:</li> <li>11 <ul> <li>a. is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate or</li> <li>12</li> <li>profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an</li> <li>equity interest of five percent (5%) or greater of the</li> <li>athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation,</li> <lu> <li>and</li> </lu></ul> </li> </ul>
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14athlete agent's business if it is not a corporation,15and
and and
16 b. is an officer or director of a corporation employing
17 the athlete agent or a shareholder having an interest
18 of five percent (5%) or greater in the corporation;
19 8. A description of the status of any application by the
20 applicant, or any person named under paragraph 7 of this subsection,
21 for a state or federal business, professional or occupational
22 license, other than as an athlete agent, from a state or federal
23 agency, including any denial, refusal to renew, suspension,
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withdrawal or termination of the license and any reprimand or
 censure related to the license;

9. Whether the applicant, or any person named under paragraph 7 of this subsection, has pleaded guilty or no contest to, has been convicted of, or has charges pending for, a crime that would involve moral turpitude or be a felony if committed in this state and, if so, identification of:

8 a. the crime,

9 b. the law enforcement agency involved, and

c. if applicable, the date of the conviction and the fine
or penalty imposed;

12 10. Whether, within fifteen (15) years before the date of 13 application, the applicant or any person named under paragraph 7 of 14 this subsection has been a defendant or respondent in a civil 15 proceeding, including a proceeding seeking a judicial determination 16 of incapacity pursuant to Section 3-101 through 3-115 of Title 30 of 17 the Oklahoma Statutes and, if so, the date and a full explanation of 18 each proceeding;

19 11. Whether the applicant or any person named under paragraph 7 20 of this subsection has an unsatisfied judgment or a judgment of 21 continuing effect, including alimony or a domestic order in the 22 nature of child support, which is not current at the date of the 23 application;

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1 12. Whether, within ten (10) years before the date of
 application, the applicant or any person named under paragraph 7 of
 this subsection was adjudicated bankrupt or was an owner of a
 business that was adjudicated bankrupt;

5 13. Whether there has been any administrative or judicial 6 determination that the applicant or any person named under paragraph 7 7 of this subsection made a false, misleading, deceptive or 8 fraudulent representation;

9 14. Each instance in which conduct of the applicant or any 10 person named under paragraph 7 of this subsection resulted in the 11 imposition of a sanction, suspension or declaration of ineligibility 12 to participate in an interscholastic, intercollegiate or 13 professional athletic event on a student athlete or a sanction on an 14 educational institution;

15 Each sanction, suspension or disciplinary action taken 15. 16 against the applicant or any person named under paragraph 7 of this 17 subsection arising out of occupational or professional conduct; 18 16. Whether there has been a denial of an application for, 19 suspension or revocation of, refusal to renew, or abandonment of, 20 the registration of the applicant or any person named under 21 paragraph 7 of this subsection as an athlete agent in any state; 22 17. Each state in which the applicant currently is registered 23 as an athlete agent or has applied to be registered as an athlete

24 agent;

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1 18. If the applicant is certified or registered by a 2 professional league or players association: 3 the name of the league or association, a. b. the date of certification or registration, and the 4 5 date of expiration of the certification or registration, if any, and 6 7 if applicable, the date of any denial of an с. application for, suspension or revocation of, refusal 8 9 to renew, withdrawal of, or termination of, the 10 certification or registration or any reprimand or censure related to the certification or registration; 11 12 and 13 Any additional information required by the Secretary of 19. 14 State. 15 Instead of proceeding under subsection A of this section, an Β. 16 individual registered as an athlete agent in another state may apply 17 for registration as an athlete agent in this state by submitting to 18 the Secretary of State: 19 1. A copy of the application for registration in the other 20 state; 21 2. A statement that identifies any material change in the 22 information on the application or verifies there is no material 23 change in the information, signed under penalty of perjury; and 24

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3. A copy of the certificate of registration from the other
 state.

3 C. The Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of
4 registration to an individual who applies for registration under
5 subsection B of this section if the Secretary of State determines:

6 1. The application and registration requirements of the other
7 state are substantially similar to or more restrictive than this
8 act; and

9 2. The registration has not been revoked or suspended and no 10 action involving the individual's conduct as an athlete agent is 11 pending against the individual or the individual's registration in 12 any state.

D. For purposes of implementing subsection C of this section,the Secretary of State shall:

Cooperate with national organizations concerned with athlete
 agent issues and agencies in other states which register athlete
 agents to develop a common registration form and determine which
 states have laws that are substantially similar to or more
 restrictive than the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act; and

20 2. Exchange information, including information related to
 21 actions taken against registered athlete agents or their
 22 registrations, with those organizations and agencies.

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1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.6 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 3 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OR DENIAL; RENEWAL. 4 5 Α. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this section, the Secretary of State shall issue a certificate of 6 7 registration to an applicant for registration who complies with 8 subsection A of Section 5 of this act.

9 Β. The Secretary of State may refuse to issue a certificate of 10 registration to an applicant for registration under subsection A of 11 Section 5 of this act if the Secretary of State determines that the 12 applicant has engaged in conduct that significantly adversely 13 reflects on the applicant's fitness to act as an athlete agent. In 14 making the determination, the Secretary of State may consider 15 whether the applicant has:

16 1. Pleaded guilty or no contest to, has been convicted of, or 17 has charges pending for, a crime that would involve moral turpitude 18 or be a felony if committed in this state;

Made a materially false, misleading, deceptive or fraudulent
 representation in the application or as an athlete agent;

21 3. Engaged in conduct that would disqualify the applicant from
22 serving in a fiduciary capacity;

4. Engaged in conduct prohibited by Section 14 of this act;

5. Had a registration as an athlete agent suspended, revoked or
 denied in any state;

3 6. Been refused renewal of registration as an athlete agent in 4 any state;

5 7. Engaged in conduct resulting in imposition of a sanction,
6 suspension or declaration of ineligibility to participate in an
7 interscholastic, intercollegiate or professional athletic event on a
8 student athlete or a sanction on an educational institution; or

9 8. Engaged in conduct that adversely reflects on the10 applicant's credibility, honesty or integrity.

11 C. In making a determination under subsection B of this12 section, the Secretary of State shall consider:

13 1. How recently the conduct occurred;

14 2. The nature of the conduct and the context in which it 15 occurred; and

16 3. Other relevant conduct of the applicant.

D. An athlete agent registered under subsection A of this section may apply to renew the registration by submitting an application for renewal in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. The applicant shall sign the application for renewal under penalty of perjury and include current information on all matters required in an original application for registration.

E. An athlete agent registered under subsection C of Section 5
 of this act may renew the registration by proceeding under

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subsection D of this section or, if the registration in the other state has been renewed, by submitting to the Secretary of State copies of the application for renewal in the other state and the renewed registration from the other state. The Secretary of State shall renew the registration if the Secretary of State determines:

6 1. The registration requirements of the other state are
7 substantially similar to or more restrictive than the Revised
8 Uniform Athlete Agents Act; and

9 2. The renewed registration has not been suspended or revoked 10 and no action involving the individual's conduct as an athlete agent 11 is pending against the individual or the individual's registration 12 in any state.

F. A certificate of registration or renewal of registration under the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act is valid for two (2) years.

16 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.7 of Title 70, unless there 18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OR REFUSAL TO RENEW REGISTRATION.

A. The Secretary of State may limit, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a registration of an individual registered under subsection A of Section 6 of this act for conduct that would have justified refusal to issue a certificate of registration under subsection B of Section 6 of this act.

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B. The Secretary of State may suspend or revoke the registration of an individual registered under subsection C of Section 5 of this act or renewed under subsection E of Section 6 of this act for any reason for which the Secretary of State could have refused to grant or renew registration or for conduct that would justify refusal to issue a certificate of registration under subsection B of Section 6 of this act.

8 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.8 of Title 70, unless there 10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 TEMPORARY REGISTRATION. The Secretary of State may issue a 12 temporary certificate of registration as an athlete agent while an 13 application for registration or renewal of registration is pending. 14 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.9 of Title 70, unless there 16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEES.

18 A. An application for registration or renewal of registration
19 as an athlete agent must be accompanied by a fee in the following
20 amount:

21 1. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for an initial application 22 for registration;

23 2. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for registration based on a
 24 certificate of registration issued by another state;

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3. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for an application for
 renewal of registration; or

3 4. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for renewal of registration4 based on a renewal of registration in another state.

B. Any registration in this state as an athlete agent under
prior law which has not expired before January 1, 2018, shall
continue to be valid until the date the registration expires.

8 C. All registration fees collected pursuant to this section
9 shall be deposited in the Revolving Fund for the Office of the
10 Secretary of State.

SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.10 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: REQUIRED FORM OF AGENCY CONTRACT.

A. An agency contract must be in a record signed by theparties.

17 B. An agency contract must contain:

A statement that the athlete agent is registered as an
 athlete agent in this state and a list of any other states in which
 the agent is registered as an athlete agent;

21 2. The amount and method of calculating the consideration to be 22 paid by the student athlete for services to be provided by the agent 23 under the contract and any other consideration the agent has

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1 received or will receive from any other source for entering into the 2 contract or providing the services; 3 3. The name of any person not listed in the agent's application 4 for registration or renewal of registration which will be 5 compensated because the athlete signed the contract; 6 4. A description of any expenses the athlete agrees to 7 reimburse; 5. A description of the services to be provided to the athlete; 8 9 6. The duration of the contract; and The date of execution. 10 7. Subject to subsection G of this section, an agency contract 11 С. 12 must contain a conspicuous notice in boldface type and in 13 substantially the following form: 14 WARNING TO STUDENT ATHLETE 15 IF YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT: 16 1. YOU MAY LOSE YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AS A STUDENT 17 ATHLETE IN YOUR SPORT; 18 2. IF YOU HAVE AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO (72) 19 HOURS AFTER SIGNING THIS CONTRACT OR BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULED 20 ATHLETIC EVENT IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, 21 BOTH YOU AND YOUR ATHLETE AGENT MUST NOTIFY YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR 22 THAT YOU HAVE ENTERED INTO THIS CONTRACT AND PROVIDE THE NAME AND 23 CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE ATHLETE AGENT; AND 24

3. YOU MAY CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER
 SIGNING IT. CANCELLATION OF THIS CONTRACT MAY NOT REINSTATE YOUR
 ELIGIBILITY AS A STUDENT ATHLETE IN YOUR SPORT.

D. An agency contract must be accompanied by a separate record signed by the student athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, the parent or guardian of the athlete acknowledging that signing the contract may result in the loss of the athlete's eligibility to participate in the athlete's sport.

9 E. A student athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, the parent 10 or guardian of the athlete may void an agency contract that does not 11 conform to this section. If the contract is voided, any 12 consideration received from the athlete agent under the contract to 13 induce entering into the contract is not required to be returned.

F. At the time an agency contract is executed, the athlete agent shall give the student athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, the parent or guardian of the athlete a copy in a record of the contract and the separate acknowledgement required by subsection D of this section.

19 G. If a student athlete is a minor, an agency contract must be 20 signed by the parent or guardian of the minor and the notice 21 required by subsection C of this section must be revised 22 accordingly.

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1SECTION 11.NEW LAWA new section of law to be codified2in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.11 of Title 70, unless there3is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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NOTICE TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A. In this section, "communicating or attempting to
communicate" means contacting or attempting to contact by an inperson meeting, a record or any other method that conveys or
attempts to convey a message.

9 B. Not later than seventy-two (72) hours after entering into an 10 agency contract or before the next scheduled athletic event in which 11 the student athlete may participate, whichever occurs first, the 12 athlete agent shall give notice in a record of the existence of the 13 contract to the athletic director of the educational institution at 14 which the athlete is enrolled or at which the agent has reasonable 15 grounds to believe the athlete intends to enroll.

C. Not later than seventy-two (72) hours after entering into an agency contract or before the next scheduled athletic event in which the student athlete may participate, whichever occurs first, the athlete shall inform the athletic director of the educational institution at which the athlete is enrolled that the athlete has entered into an agency contract and the name and contact information of the athlete agent.

D. If an athlete agent enters into an agency contract with a
 student athlete and the athlete subsequently enrolls at an

educational institution, the agent shall notify the athletic director of the institution of the existence of the contract not later than seventy-two (72) hours after the agent knew or should have known the athlete enrolled.

5 E. If an athlete agent has a relationship with a student 6 athlete before the athlete enrolls in an educational institution and 7 receives an athletic scholarship from the institution, the agent 8 shall notify the institution of the relationship not later than ten 9 (10) days after the enrollment if the agent knows or should have 10 known of the enrollment and:

11 1. The relationship was motivated in whole or part by the 12 intention of the agent to recruit or solicit the athlete to enter an 13 agency contract in the future; or

The agent directly or indirectly recruited or solicited the
 athlete to enter an agency contract before the enrollment.

16 F. An athlete agent shall give notice in a record to the 17 athletic director of any educational institution at which a student 18 athlete is enrolled before the agent communicates or attempts to 19 communicate with:

20 1. The athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, a parent or 21 guardian of the athlete, to influence the athlete or parent or 22 guardian to enter into an agency contract; or

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2. Another individual to have that individual influence the
 athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, the parent or guardian of the
 athlete to enter into an agency contract.

G. If a communication or attempt to communicate with an athlete agent is initiated by a student athlete or another individual on behalf of the athlete, the agent shall notify in a record the athletic director of any educational institution at which the athlete is enrolled. The notification must be made not later than ten (10) days after the communication or attempt.

H. An educational institution that becomes aware of a violation of the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act by an athlete agent shall notify the Secretary of State and any professional league or players association with which the institution is aware the agent is licensed or registered of the violation.

15 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.12 of Title 70, unless there 17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 STUDENT ATHLETE'S RIGHT TO CANCEL.

A. A student athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, the parent or guardian of the athlete may cancel an agency contract by giving notice in a record of cancellation to the athlete agent not later than fourteen (14) days after the contract is signed.

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B. A student athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, the parent
 or guardian of the athlete may not waive the right to cancel an
 agency contract.

C. If a student athlete, parent or guardian cancels an agency
contract, the athlete, parent or guardian is not required to pay any
consideration under the contract or return any consideration
received from the athlete agent to influence the athlete to enter
into the contract.

9 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.13 of Title 70, unless there 11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 REQUIRED RECORDS.

13 A. An athlete agent shall create and retain for five (5) years14 records of the following:

15 1. The name and address of each individual represented by the 16 agent;

17 2. Each agency contract entered into by the agent; and

18 3. The direct costs incurred by the agent in the recruitment or 19 solicitation of each student athlete to enter into an agency 20 contract.

B. Records described in subsection A of this section are open to inspection by the Secretary of State during normal business hours.

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1SECTION 14.NEW LAWA new section of law to be codified2in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.14 of Title 70, unless there3is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

A. An athlete agent with the intent to influence a student athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, a parent or guardian of the athlete to enter into an agency contract may not take any of the following actions or encourage any other individual to take, or assist any other individual in taking, any of the following actions on behalf of the agent:

Give materially false or misleading information or make a
 materially false promise or representation;

13 2. Furnish anything of value to the athlete before the athlete14 enters into the contract; or

15 3. Furnish anything of value to an individual other than the16 athlete or another registered athlete agent.

B. An athlete agent may not intentionally do any of the following or encourage any other individual to do any of the following on behalf of the agent:

20 1. Initiate contact, directly or indirectly, with a student 21 athlete or, if the athlete is a minor, a parent or guardian of the 22 athlete, to recruit or solicit the athlete, parent or guardian to 23 enter an agency contract unless registered under the Revised Uniform 24 Athlete Agents Act;

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2. Fail to create or retain or to permit inspection of the
 records required by Section 13 of this act;

3 3. Fail to register when required by Section 4 of this act;
4 4. Provide materially false or misleading information in an
5 application for registration or renewal of registration;

5. Predate or postdate an agency contract; or

Fail to notify a student athlete or, if the athlete is a
minor, a parent or guardian of the athlete, before the athlete,
parent or guardian signs an agency contract for a particular sport,
that the signing may make the athlete ineligible to participate as a
student athlete in that sport.

12 SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.15 of Title 70, unless there 14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 CRIMINAL PENALTY.

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A. An athlete agent who violates Section 14 of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or to imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

B. An athlete agent who violates Section 14 of this act upon a
second or subsequent conviction shall be guilty of a felony and
subject to a fine of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars

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1 (\$50,000.00) and not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 2 (\$500,000.00), or to imprisonment not to exceed three (3) years, or 3 to both such fine and imprisonment. All prior convictions in any 4 state of acts that would constitute a violation under Section 14 of 5 this act shall also constitute prior convictions under this section.

C. Fifty percent (50%) of all fines collected pursuant to this
section shall be deposited in the Attorney General's Law Enforcement
Revolving Fund created in Section 19.1 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
Statutes.

10SECTION 16.NEW LAWA new section of law to be codified11in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.16 of Title 70, unless there12is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 CIVIL REMEDY.

14 An educational institution or student athlete may bring an Α. 15 action for damages against an athlete agent if the institution or 16 athlete is adversely affected by an act or omission of the agent in 17 violation of the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act. An educational 18 institution or student athlete is adversely affected by an act or 19 omission of the agent only if, because of the act or omission, the 20 institution or an individual who was a student athlete at the time 21 of the act or omission and enrolled in the institution:

1. Is suspended or disqualified from participation in an interscholastic or intercollegiate sports event by or under the

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rules of a state or national federation or association that promotes
 or regulates interscholastic or intercollegiate sports; or

2. Suffers financial damage.

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B. A plaintiff that prevails in an action under this section
may recover actual damages, exemplary damages, costs and reasonable
attorney fees. An athlete agent found liable under this section
forfeits any right of payment for anything of benefit or value
provided to the student athlete and shall refund any consideration
paid to the agent by or on behalf of the athlete.

10 C. A violation of the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act shall 11 constitute a deceptive trade practice for purposes of the Oklahoma 12 Deceptive Trade Practices Act and, in addition to the remedies 13 provided for in this section, shall be subject to the remedies 14 provided in Section 54 of Title 78 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.17 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 CIVIL PENALTY. The Secretary of State may assess a civil 19 penalty against an athlete agent not to exceed Fifty Thousand 20 Dollars (\$50,000.00) for a violation of the Revised Uniform Athlete 21 Agents Act.

22 SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.18 of Title 70, unless there 24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION. In applying and 2 construing this uniform act, consideration must be given to the need 3 to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter 4 among states that enact it.

5 SECTION 19. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified 6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 823.19 of Title 70, unless there 7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

RELATION TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL 8 9 COMMERCE ACT. The Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act modifies, 10 limits or supersedes the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C., Section 7001 et seq., but does not 11 12 modify, limit or supersede Section 101(c) of that act, 15 U.S.C., 13 Section 7001(c), or authorize electronic delivery of any of the 14 notices described in Section 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C., Section 15 7003(b).

16 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 78 O.S. 2011, Section 53, is 17 amended to read as follows:

Section 53. A. A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when in the course of business, vocation, or occupation, the person:

20 1. Passes off goods or services as those of another;

21 2. Knowingly makes a false representation as to the source,
22 sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;

3. Knowingly makes a false representation as to affiliation,
connection, association with, or certification by another;

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4. Uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic
 origin in connection with goods or services;

3 5. Knowingly makes a false representation as to the 4 characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities of goods 5 or services or a false representation as to the sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection of a person therewith; 6 7 6. Represents that goods are original or new if they are not; 7. Represents that goods or services are a particular standard, 8 9 quality, or grade, or that goods are a particular style or model, if 10 they are another; 11 8. Disparages the goods, services, or business of another by 12 false or misleading representation of fact; 13 9. Advertises goods or services which differ from those offered 14 for sale in the advertisements; 15 10. Advertises goods or services with intent not to supply 16 reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement 17 discloses a limitation of quantity; 18 Makes false or misleading statements of fact concerning the 11. 19 reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions; 20 12. Advertises the price of an item after deduction of a rebate 21 unless the actual selling price is advertised and clear and 22 conspicuous notice is given in the advertisement that a mail-in 23 rebate is required to achieve the lower net price; 24

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1	13.	Misr	epresents the geographic location of the supplier by
2	listing	a fic	titious business name or an assumed business name in a
3	local te	lepho	ne directory if:
4		a.	the name misrepresents the geographic location of the
5			supplier,
6		b.	the listing fails to identify the locality and state
7			of the business of the supplier,
8		с.	calls to the local telephone number are routinely
9			forwarded or otherwise transferred to a business
10			location that is outside the calling area covered by
11			the local telephone directory, or
12		d.	the business location of the supplier is located in a
13			county that is not contiguous to a county in the
14			calling area covered by the local telephone directory;
15			or
16	14.	List	s a fictitious business name or assumed business name
17	in a dir	ector	y assistance database if:
18		a.	the name misrepresents the geographic location of the
19			supplier,
20		b.	calls to the local telephone number are routinely
21			forwarded or otherwise transferred to a business
22			location that is outside the local calling area, or
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1 c. the business location of the supplier is located in a 2 county that is not contiguous to a county in the local 3 calling area; or

## 15. Violates any provision of the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

B. Evidence that a person has engaged in a deceptive trade
practice shall be prima facie evidence of intent to injure
competitors and to destroy or substantially lessen competition.

9 C. The deceptive trade practices listed in this section are in
10 addition to and do not limit the types of unfair trade practices
11 actionable at common law or under other statutes of this state.
12 SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 78 O.S. 2011, Section 54, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 54. A. Any person damaged or likely to be damaged by a 15 deceptive trade practice of another may maintain an action in any 16 court of equitable jurisdiction to prevent, restrain or enjoin such 17 deceptive trade practice. Proof of actual monetary damages, loss of 18 profits or intent shall not be required. If in such action damages 19 are alleged and proved, the plaintiff, in addition to injunctive 20 relief, shall be entitled to recover from the defendant the actual 21 damages sustained by the person.

B. With respect to the deceptive trade practices described in paragraphs 13 and, 14 and 15 of subsection A of Section 53 of this

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1 title, the Attorney General or a district attorney of this state is 2 authorized to bring actions seeking the following relief:

3 1. Injunctions directed against persons engaged in such
4 deceptive trade practices;

2. Recovery of the money unlawfully received from aggrieved
consumers by persons engaged in the deceptive trade practices to be
held in escrow for distribution to the aggrieved consumers; and

8 3. Recovery by the state of the reasonable expenses incurred in
9 the investigation of the deceptive trade practices.

10 С. In any action instituted under the provisions of this act 11 the Oklahoma Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the court may, in its 12 discretion, award reasonable attorneys' attorney fees to the 13 prevailing party. If in any such action the court finds either (1) 14 that the defendant has willfully engaged in a deceptive trade 15 practice or (2) that the plaintiff has acted in bad faith in 16 instituting the action, the court shall award reasonable attorneys' 17 attorney fees to the prevailing party.

D. The relief provided for in this section is in addition to and not in exclusion of remedies otherwise available against the same conduct pursuant to the common law or other statutes of this state.

E. Any duly organized and existing trade association, whether incorporated or not, is hereby authorized to institute and prosecute a suit or suits for injunctive relief hereunder as the real party in

1	interest, for or on behalf of one or more of its members, when a
2	deceptive trade practice directly or indirectly affects or threatens
3	to affect or injure such member or members.
4	SECTION 22. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 821.81,
5	821.82, 821.83, 821.84, 821.85, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
6	173, O.S.L. 2012, 821.86, 821.87, 821.88, 821.89, 821.90, 821.91,
7	821.92, 821.93, 821.94, 821.95, 821.96, 821.97, 821.98 ad 821.99 (70
8	O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 821.85), are hereby repealed.
9	SECTION 23. This act shall become effective January 1, 2020.
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