

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2615
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Impact:	\$0-state funds

Research Analysis

The CS changes the monetary value given to a student-athlete or immediate family from \$250 to \$100.

The bill prohibits the giving of money or a thing of value to a student-athlete or family member for the purpose of recruitment, and it prohibits any transaction between a person and a student-athlete that would likely cause the student-athlete to permanently or temporarily lose athletic scholarship and participation eligibility.

Exemptions are provided for employees of postsecondary institutions that act within the official written policy of the institution that is in compliance with the NCAA, approved intercollegiate athletic awards or grants, members of the immediate family, and money or things of value given by a person to a student-athlete or immediate family that do not exceed a total value of \$100 annually. A violation of the measure would result in a misdemeanor and the person would be subject to a fine or imprisonment or both.

It requires both public and private high schools to advise in writing student-athletes of the provisions of the law. Lastly, it grants public and private postsecondary institutions a right of action against persons engaged in illegal activity with student-athletes.

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Fiscal Analysis

CS for HB 2615 prohibits persons from giving money or a thing of value to a student-athlete or family member for certain purposes. Certain transactions are prohibited with exceptions. Penalties are established. High school personnel will advise specified students in writing, provisions of the law and certain information. Rights of action and recovery of damages are provided. State Regents for Higher Education and Department of Education personnel provide that there is no fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None

