

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2615</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>7586</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

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 two hundred fifty dollars 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**

HB 2615, as introduced, prohibits persons from giving money or a thing of value to a student-athlete or family member for certain purposes. Definitions, exceptions and penalties are provided. State Regents for Higher Education personnel provide that state higher education institution personnel report no fiscal impact.

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**Other Considerations**

None