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Present law (R.S. 17:3702) provides definitions related to intercollegiate athletics.
Proposed law retains present law and further defines an "international intercollegiate athlete".

Present law (R.S. 17:3703) provides that an intercollegiate athlete at a postsecondary education institution can earn compensation for the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness.

Proposed law clarifies that present law does not apply to a nonresident international student athlete unless they have obtained permanent legal status in the U.S.

Proposed law (R.S. 17:3705) limits the amount of athletic scholarships awarded to students who are citizens of a foreign country to 25% of scholarships allowed to be given for an academic year.

Proposed law prohibits an international intercollegiate athlete from receiving an athletic scholarship if they have previously received a salary or financial assistance from a professional sports organization.

Proposed law provides that the law will be known as the "Make American Athletics Great Again Act".

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 17:3702(4); adds R.S. 17:3702(5), 3703(O), and 3705)