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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

ATHLETICS: Creates a task force to study issues relative to the name, image, and likeness of student athletes in Louisiana

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To create a task force to study issues relative to the name, image, and likeness of student
3	athletes in Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, in recent years, name, image, and likeness deals for student athletes
5	have been wrought with confusion and controversy; and
6	WHEREAS, there is often a lack of transparency relative to the income of these
7	athletes; and
8	WHEREAS, opening name, image, and likeness records to the public can create an
9	opportunity to foster knowledge and openness of information, which can help athletes to
10	empower themselves to make wise decisions for their finances and their futures.
11	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study issues relative to the name,
13	image, and likeness of student athletes in Louisiana.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
15	following members:
16	(1) Three members appointed by the governor.
17	(2) Two representatives of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association from its
18	member schools, appointed by the chairman of the House Committee on Education.
19	(3) One representative of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System,
20	appointed by the president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.
21	(4) The member of the House of Representatives who represents House District 11,
22	who shall serve as chairman.

1 (5) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the 2 House. 3 (6) The attorney general or her designee. 4 (7) Six athletic directors, or their designees, two from each of the following systems: 5 Louisiana State University, Southern University, and University of Louisiana, to be 6 appointed by the respective system presidents. 7 (8) Three student athletes, one from each of the following systems: Louisiana State 8 University, Southern University, and University of Louisiana, to be appointed by the 9 respective system presidents. 10 (9) Three members from the private sector, to be chosen by the task force chairman 11 after the first meeting of the task force. 12 (10) The commissioner of higher education or her designee. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointing authorities shall submit the names 14 and contact information of their appointees to the commissioner of higher education no later 15 than June 1, 2025. 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force chairman shall call the first 17 meeting no later than August 1, 2025. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents shall provide staff support 19 to the task force, to be provided from existing personnel. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall receive no 21 compensation for their services and shall serve at no expense to the state. 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall examine aspects of name, 23 image, and likeness of student athletes in Louisiana, including but not limited to the following: 24 25 (1) Any existing state and federal laws, jurisprudence, and any relevant national 26 athletic association policies or bylaws regarding a student athlete's use of his name, image, 27 and likeness for compensation. 28 (2) The documentation and reporting necessary to maintain increased accountability 29 and transparency, as well as possible prevention methods of potential negative consequences 30 related to name, image, and likeness deals.

HR NO. 15 1 (3) Policies to ensure name, image, and likeness activities meet governing national 2 athletic standards and school-specific requirements. 3 (4) Best practices to address current and potential future challenges in the name, 4 image, and likeness space. 5 Fiscal impacts of name, image, and likeness deals and student athlete 6 compensation on the overall budgets of athletics programs and Louisiana postsecondary 7 education institutions. 8 (6) Other issues the task force determines the legislature should be aware of and any 9 recommendations for legislation. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall exclude from its examination 10 11 any document identified in R.S. 17:3703(M). 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education not later than January 13 14 23, 2026. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include but need not be limited 16 to the feasibility and potential benefits of increased transparency of name, image, and 17 likeness deals; the report may include suggestions for legislation.

DIGEST

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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commissioner of higher education.

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Education</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Reduce the number of task force members from 20 to 16.
- 2. Require that the representative serving House District 11 serve as chairman and call the first meeting by Aug. 1, 2025.

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3. Prescribe certain matters related to the name, image, and likeness of student athletes in La. for the task force to study.

- 4. Move the written report submission deadline <u>from</u> 60 days prior to the 2026 R.S. <u>to</u> Jan. 23, 2026.
- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and</u> Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:
- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Add the following members to the task force:
 - (1) Three members appointed by the governor.
 - (2) Two representatives of the La. High School Athletic Association from its member schools, appointed by the chairman of the House Committee on Education.
 - (3) One representative of the La. Community and Technical College System, appointed by the president of the La. Community and Technical College System.