

## S 238

### College Athlete Economic Freedom Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Sports and Recreation

**Introduced:** Feb 4, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Feb 4, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 4, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Sports and Recreation

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 850	Identical bill	Apr 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

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This bill establishes name, image, likeness (NIL) and athletic reputation rights for college athletes.

Specifically, the bill

- establishes a federal right for college athletes to market the use of their NIL or athletic reputation by prohibiting colleges and intercollegiate athletic associations from setting or enforcing rules that restrict this right or coordinating to limit how athletes can use their NIL;
- prohibits colleges or such athletic associations from regulating athlete representation;
- authorizes grants for analyzing NIL and athletic reputation monetization;
- provides for enforcement by the Federal Trade Commission and through a private cause of action against violators; and
- preempts more restrictive state laws relating to college athletes' NIL and athletic reputation rights.

## Actions Timeline

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