

HR 850

College Athlete Economic Freedom Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Sports and Recreation

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. (Apr 23, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Sports and Recreation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 238	Identical bill	Feb 4, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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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

- **Apr 23, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.