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Senate Bill 16-071

Sponsors

Senator Todd
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Short Title

**Revised Uniform Athlete Agents
Act 2015**

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Status

This bill was postponed indefinitely in the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee on February 22, 2016.

Summary

This bill, drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (Commission), repeals and reenacts, with amendments, the "Uniform Athlete Agents Act" (UAAA). The bill requires athlete agents to register with the Secretary of State every two years. An athlete agent is a person who contracts with student athletes to represent them for purposes of securing a professional sports services contract or endorsement contract or who advises the athlete in financial, business, or career management issues or manages those issues on the athlete's behalf.

The bill establishes requirements for registration and renewal of registration for athlete agents, specifies circumstances in which an application for registration or a renewal of registration may be declined, and identifies cases in which a registration may be suspended or revoked. The bill also lists requirements for contracts between athletes and agents, and specifies prohibited conduct by an agent and the criminal penalties and civil remedies for a violation.

Background

The Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws is the state representative on the Commission and is charged with working with the Commission to promote uniformity in state laws where uniformity is considered both desirable and practicable. Through a study committee and drafting process, the Commission develops proposed uniform legislation that can be adopted by state legislatures.

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In 2007, the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) declined to conduct a sunrise review for regulation of athlete agents. The sunrise proposal anticipated that approximately 70 persons would be regulated as athlete agents in the state. DORA identified 37 other states that regulated athlete agents using a substantially similar regulatory model. House Bill 08-1058 established the original UAAA which required the Division of Professions and Occupations (DPO) within DORA to regulate athlete agents. DPO registered 6 athlete agents. House Bill 10-1128 repealed much of the UAAA and terminated the requirement that DPO regulate athlete agents.

Senate Action

Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee (February 22, 2016). At the hearing, the committee heard testimony from a member of the Commission on Uniform State Laws in support of the bill. A representative of the Department of Regulatory Agencies spoke in opposition to the bill. The committee postponed the bill indefinitely.