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H. R. 1552

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BAUMGARTNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Responsible
5 Oversight and Transparency and Ensuring Collegiate
6 Trust for Student Athletes Act” or the “PROTECT Stu-
7 dent Athletes Act”.

8 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

9 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The practice of sports betting, including
2 proposition bets involving the performance of stu-
3 dent athletes, constitutes a substantial part of inter-
4 state commerce.

5 (2) Sports betting activities are conducted
6 across State lines by various means, including online
7 platforms and physical betting establishments, that
8 involve participants from multiple States.

9 (3) The economic impact of sports betting on
10 intercollegiate sports extends beyond State borders
11 and affects the national economy, including through
12 revenue relating to advertising, broadcasting rights,
13 and other commercial activities linked to intercolle-
14 giate sports.

15 (4) Ensuring the welfare of student athletes is
16 a national concern and regulation of betting prac-
17 tices, particularly those involving the performance of
18 student athletes, is essential to safeguard the integ-
19 rity, well-being, and educational environments of
20 such athletes.

21 (5) The Federal Government has the authority
22 under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution to
23 regulate interstate commerce and, given the inter-
24 state nature of sports betting, Federal regulation is

1 warranted to maintain consistent standards and pro-
2 tect the interests of student athletes.

3 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON PROP BETS INVOLVING STUDENT**
4 **ATHLETES.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—No individual or entity engaged
6 in the business of betting or wagering may accept any bet
7 or wager that includes a covered prop bet.

8 (b) ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-
9 SION.—

10 (1) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-
11 TICES.—A violation of this section shall be treated
12 as a violation of a regulation under section
13 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act
14 (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) regarding unfair or decep-
15 tive acts or practices.

16 (2) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—The Federal
17 Trade Commission shall enforce this section in the
18 same manner, by the same means, and with the
19 same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all
20 applicable terms and provisions of the Federal Trade
21 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were incor-
22 porated into and made a part of this section. Any
23 person who violates this section shall be subject to
24 the penalties and entitled to the privileges and im-

1 munities provided in the Federal Trade Commission
2 Act.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED PROP BET.—The term “covered
5 prop bet” means a bet or wager on the occurrence
6 or non-occurrence, with respect to an intercollegiate
7 sporting event, of an action or achievement by a stu-
8 dent athlete that may or may not have a direct bear-
9 ing on the final result of any such sporting event.

10 (2) INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTING EVENT.—The
11 term “intercollegiate sporting event” means a sport-
12 ing event played at the collegiate level for which eli-
13 gibility requirements for participation by a student
14 athlete are established by a national association for
15 the promotion or regulation of college athletics.

16 (3) STUDENT ATHLETE.—The term “student
17 athlete” means an individual who engages in any
18 intercollegiate sporting event.

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