By Senator Hutson

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to intercollegiate athlete compensation and rights; amending s. 1006.74, F.S.; defining the term "mark"; deleting a requirement that compensation to an intercollegiate athlete be provided by certain third parties; authorizing certain entities and persons to cause compensation to be directed to a current intercollegiate athlete; prohibiting entities and persons who provide specified services to a postsecondary educational institution from causing compensation to be directed to a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete; prohibiting an intercollegiate athlete from entering into a compensation contract that conflicts with her or his athletic program or postsecondary educational institution, rather than team, contract; prohibiting certain parties from using a postsecondary educational institution's mark without written consent of the institution or its designee; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1006.74, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection and paragraph (l) is added to subsection (2) of that section, and paragraphs (a), (c), and (h) of subsection (2) of that section are amended, to read:

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1006.74 Intercollegiate athlete compensation and rights.—
The Legislature finds that intercollegiate athletics provide intercollegiate athletes with significant educational opportunities. However, participation in intercollegiate athletics should not infringe upon an intercollegiate athlete's ability to earn compensation for her or his name, image, or likeness. An intercollegiate athlete must have an equal opportunity to control and profit from the commercial use of her or his name, image, or likeness, and be protected from unauthorized appropriation and commercial exploitation of her or his right to publicity, including her or his name, image, or likeness.

- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (c) "Mark" means any trademark, service mark, certification mark, or collective mark entitled to registration under chapter 495 or the Trademark Act of 1946, as amended, whether or not registered, or any other trademark, indicia, logo, uniform, or landmark associated with a postsecondary educational institution.
- (2) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE COMPENSATION AND RIGHTS AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION RESPONSIBILITIES.—
- (a) An intercollegiate athlete at a postsecondary educational institution may earn compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness. Such compensation must be commensurate with the market value of the authorized use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness. To preserve the integrity, quality, character, and amateur nature of intercollegiate athletics and to maintain a clear separation between amateur intercollegiate athletics and professional sports, such

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compensation may not be provided in exchange for athletic performance or attendance at a particular institution and may only be provided by a third party unaffiliated with the intercollegiate athlete's postsecondary educational institution.

- (c) A postsecondary educational institution; an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefiting the institution or its athletic programs; or an officer, director, or employee of such institution or entity may not compensate or cause compensation to be directed to a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete for her or his name, image, or likeness. However, such institution, entity, or officer, director, or employee of such institution or entity may, through an act that does not conflict with this section, cause compensation to be directed to a current intercollegiate athlete. An entity that, by contract or other agreement with a postsecondary educational institution, provides disclosures, compliance, or educational services under this section for a postsecondary educational institution or an officer, director, or employee of such entity may not cause compensation to be directed to a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete for her or his name, image, or likeness.
- (h) An intercollegiate athlete may not enter into a contract for compensation for the use of her or his name, image, or likeness if a term of the contract conflicts with a term of the intercollegiate athlete's athletic program or postsecondary educational institution team contract. A postsecondary educational institution asserting a conflict under this paragraph must disclose each relevant contract term that conflicts with the athletic program or postsecondary educational

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7-01553-22 20221428 88 institution team contract to the intercollegiate athlete or her 89 or his representative. 90 (1) Any party in an agreement to compensate an 91 intercollegiate athlete for the use of her or his name, image, 92 or likeness may not use a postsecondary educational 93 institution's mark without the express written consent of the 94 institution or its designee.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.