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HOUSE BILL 378 Committee Substitute Favorable 3/19/25 PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H378-PCS30470-RQf-17

Short Title: Various Ed Law/Tax Acct/NIL Changes.

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March 13, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 2 | AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION |
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| 3 | LAWS; TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION |
| 4 | SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS |
| 5 | OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND |
| 6 | LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS; AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND |
| 7 | LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS. |
| 8 | The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: |
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| 10 | PART I. TECHNOLOGY COST CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS ON BREAK/FIX |
| 11 | RATES |
| 12 | SECTION 1.1.(a) Part 3A of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is |
| 13 | amended by adding the following new sections to read: |
| 14 | " <u>§ 115C-102.10. Technology costs considerations.</u> |
| 15 | The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring all public school units to evaluate |
| 16 | the following when acquiring technology, computer hardware, and software: |

| <u>(1)</u> | The long-term cost of ownership, including costs of repairing the technology, |
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| | computer hardware, or software. |

- (2) Any flexibility for innovation during the life of the technology, computer hardware, or software.
- (3) Any anticipated resale or salvage value at the end of the target life cycle for the technology, computer hardware, or software based on the average resale or salvage value of similar technology, computer hardware, or software as a percentage of the initial cost of purchase.

25 "<u>§ 115C-102.11. Break/fix rate reporting requirement.</u>

- 26 (a) <u>Definitions. The following definitions apply in this section:</u>
- Break/fix rate. The percentage obtained by dividing the number of school 27 (1) 28 technology devices reported as malfunctioning or needing repair due to physical damage, hardware failure, or other breakage incidents prior to the 29 30 stated life cycle period, not covered by insurance or a policy plan period, by 31 the total number of school technology devices in operation during that period. 32 (2)School technology device. - Any electronic or computerized equipment 33 provided for educational purposes in a public school unit, including computers, tablets, interactive whiteboards, and similar devices or anything 34



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| 1 | | considered a digital device for purposes | of the digital learning dashboard |
| 2 | | pursuant to G.S. 115C-102.9. | |
| 3 | (b) Each g | governing body of a public school unit sha | Ill submit a report on the following |
| 4 | | State Board of Education by August 15 ar | |
| 5 | (1) | The break/fix rate of the school technolog | |
| 6 | | for the previous school year. | <u>L</u> |
| 7 | <u>(2)</u> | The total number of school technology d | evices currently in operation in the |
| 8 | <u> </u> | public school unit. | ······································ |
| 9 | <u>(3)</u> | The total number of school technology | devices in the public school unit |
| 10 | <u> </u> | requiring repair that (i) underwent repair | - |
| 11 | | during the previous school year. | |
| 12 | <u>(4)</u> | The total amount of funds spent to repair of | r replace school technology devices |
| 13 | <u> </u> | during the previous school year. | |
| 14 | (c) The St | ate Board of Education shall report to the Jo | bint Legislative Education Oversight |
| 15 | | vember 15 annually on the break/fix rate of | |
| 16 | | nits based on the reports submitted by the g | |
| 17 | | this section. This report shall include a sur | |
| 18 | | nd recommendations to reduce break/fix ra | · · · · · |
| 19 | | ION 1.1.(b) The first reports from gover | - |
| 20 | | 115C-102.11(b), as enacted by this sectio | • • |
| 21 | | based on data collected during the 2025-202 | |
| 22 | U I | Education required by G.S. 115C-102.11 | • |
| 23 | | ater than November 15, 2026. | · · · · · · |
| 24 | SECT | ION 1.1.(c) G.S. 115C-12 is amended by | adding a new subdivision to read: |
| 25 | "(50) | To Require Evaluation of Technology Co | osts. – The State Board shall adopt |
| 26 | | rules governing public school units evalua | |
| 27 | | with G.S. 115C-102.10." | |
| 28 | SECT | ION 1.1.(d) G.S. 115C-47 is amende | d by adding the following new |
| 29 | subdivisions to re- | ad: | |
| 30 | " <u>(70)</u> | To Evaluate Technology Costs A loca | al board of education shall adopt a |
| 31 | | policy requiring the evaluation of technological | ogy costs considerations adopted by |
| 32 | | the State Board of Education pursuant to | <u>G.S. 115C-102.10.</u> |
| 33 | <u>(71)</u> | To Report on Break/Fix Rate A loca | al board of education shall report |
| 34 | | annually to the State Board of Education | on on the break/fix rate of school |
| 35 | | technology devices in accordance with G. | <u>S. 115C-102.11.</u> " |
| 36 | SECT | ION 1.1.(e) G.S. 115C-150.12C is amer | nded by adding the following new |
| 37 | subdivisions to re- | ad: | |
| 38 | " <u>(37)</u> | Evaluate technology costs The board | d of trustees shall adopt a policy |
| 39 | | requiring the evaluation of technology c | osts considerations adopted by the |
| 40 | | State Board of Education pursuant to G.S. | <u>. 115C-102.10.</u> |
| 41 | <u>(38)</u> | Report on break/fix rate The board of | trustees shall report annually to the |
| 42 | | State Board of Education on the break/fix | x rate of school technology devices |
| 43 | | used in the school in accordance with G.S. | <u>. 115C-102.11.</u> " |
| 44 | SECT | ION 1.1.(f) Part 2 of Article 14A of Chap | oter 115C of the General Statutes is |
| 45 | amended by addir | ig a new section to read: | |
| 46 | | School technology. | |
| 47 | | ter school shall adopt a policy requiring | |
| 48 | | opted by the State Board of Education purs | |
| 49 | | ter school shall report annually to the State | |
| 50 | rate of school tech | nology devices used in the school in accor | dance with G.S. 115C-102.11." |

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| 1 | SECTION 1 | 1.(g) G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by ad | ding the following new |
| 2 | subdivisions to read: | | 0 0 |
| 3 | "(18a) The b | oard of directors shall adopt a policy requ | uiring the evaluation of |
| 4 | | logy costs considerations adopted by the St | - |
| 5 | | nt to G.S. 115C-102.10. | |
| 6 | (18b) The b | pard of directors shall report annually to the S | State Board of Education |
| 7 | on the | break/fix rate of technology used in the sch | hool in accordance with |
| 8 | | 15C-102.11." | |
| 9 | SECTION 1 | 1.(h) G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by ad | ding the following new |
| 10 | subdivisions to read: | | |
| 11 | " <u>(21a)</u> <u>Evalua</u> | te technology costs The chancellor shall add | opt a policy requiring the |
| 12 | evalua | tion of technology costs considerations adopt | ed by the State Board of |
| 13 | Educa | tion pursuant to G.S. 115C-102.10. | |
| 14 | (21b) <u>Repor</u> | t on break/fix rate The chancellor shall rep | oort annually to the State |
| 15 | Board | of Education on the break/fix rate of technological | bgy used in the school in |
| 16 | accord | ance with G.S. 115C-102.11." | |
| 17 | SECTION 1 | .1.(i) This section is effective when it be | ecomes law and applies |
| 18 | beginning with the 2025- | | |
| 19 | | 2.(a) Article 1 of Chapter 115D of the Genera | al Statutes is amended by |
| 20 | adding a new section to r | | |
| 21 | " <u>§ 115D-9.40. Evaluati</u> | | |
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| 30 | | rage value of similar technology, computer ha | ardware, or software as a |
| 31 | | tage of the initial cost of purchase." | |
| 32 | | .2.(b) This section is effective when it be | acomes law and applies |
| 33 | beginning with the 2025- | | want division to used. |
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| 40 | <u>b.</u> | Any flexibility for innovation during the | |
| 41 | <u> </u> | computer hardware, or software. | me of the teenhology, |
| 42 | <u>C.</u> | Any anticipated resale or salvage value at t | he end of the target life |
| 43 | <u> </u> | cycle for the technology, computer hardware, | - |
| 44 | | average resale or salvage value of simila | |
| 45 | | hardware, or software as a percentage of the | ••• |
| 46 | SECTION 1 | .3.(b) This section is effective when it be | |
| 47 | beginning with the 2025- | | und upprior |
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| 49 | PART II. LEON'S LAV | V | |
| 50 | | (a) This section shall be known and may be c | ited as "Leon's Law." |
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| 13 c. The parent has not opted out of receiving the records. 14 (2) Requires minor students whose education records are subject to subdivision 15 (1) of this subsection to complete a form, prior to registration in any course at 16 the community college, acknowledging that the parents of the student have 17 access to the education records of the student. 18 (b) For the purposes of this section, "parent" is defined as the parent, guardian, or an 19 individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian of a student." 20 SECTION 2.(c) This section is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning 21 with the 2025-2026 academic year. 22 PART III. EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 115D-20(4)a. reads as rewritten: 26 "a. Subject to the approval of the State Board of Community Colleges, local community colleges may collaborate with public school units and nonpublic schools to offer courses through the following programs: 30 1. Repealed by Session Laws 2022-71, s. 3.2, effective July 8, 2022. 31 2022. 2. 32 2. Academic transition pathways for qualified junior and sophomore high school students that lead to a career technical | | General Assembly Of North | Carolina | Session 2025 |
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51 PART V. UNC SELF-LIQUIDATING CAPITAL PROJECTS

General Assembly Of North Carolina

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SECTION 5.(a) The purpose of this section is to authorize the financing of the 1 2 capital improvement projects listed in this section for the respective institutions of The University 3 of North Carolina with funds available to the institutions from gifts, grants, receipts, 4 self-liquidating indebtedness, Medicare reimbursements for education costs, hospital receipts 5 from patient care, or other funds, or any combination of these funds, but not including funds 6 received for tuition or appropriated from the General Fund or State Capital and Infrastructure 7 Fund of the State unless previously authorized by General Statute.

8 SECTION 5.(b) The capital improvement projects, and their respective costs, 9 authorized by this section to be financed as provided in subsection (a) of this section, including 10 by revenue bonds, by special obligation bonds as authorized in subsection (d) of this section, or by both, are as follows: 11

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13 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

| 14 | Electrical Distribution System/Substations & Switchgear Upgrade | \$14,581,920 |
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| 15 | Fetzer Hall Addition/Campus Recreation | \$90,000,000 |
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- 18 Parking Deck III
- 19 Student Housing Village – Phase III
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21 **SECTION 5.(c)** At the request of the Board of Governors of The University of North 22 Carolina and upon determining that it is in the best interest of the State to do so, the Director of 23 the Budget may authorize an increase or decrease in the cost of, or a change in the method of, 24 funding the projects listed in this section. In determining whether to authorize a change in cost 25 or funding, the Director of the Budget may consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. 26

27 SECTION 5.(d) Pursuant to G.S. 116D-26, the Board of Governors may issue, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget, at one time or from time to time, special 28 29 obligation bonds of the Board of Governors for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost 30 of acquiring, constructing, or providing for the projects listed in subsection (b) of this section. 31 The maximum principal amount of bonds to be issued shall not exceed the specified amounts in 32 subsection (b) of this section plus five percent (5%) of such amount to pay issuance expenses, 33 fund reserve funds, pay capitalized interest, and pay other related additional costs plus any 34 increase in the specific project costs authorized by the Director of the Budget pursuant to 35 subsection (c) of this section. The amounts specified in subsection (b) of this section are not 36 inclusive of other amounts that may have been authorized by an act of the General Assembly for 37 the projects listed.

38 39 **SECTION 5.(e)** This section is effective when it becomes law.

40 PART VI. PROTECT CERTAIN TAX-ADVANTAGED ACCOUNTS

41 **SECTION 6.(a)** Article 16 of Chapter 1C of the General Statutes is amended by 42 adding the following new section to read:

43 "§ 1C-1601.5. Certain tax-advantaged accounts exempt.

- For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply: 44 (a) Qualifying account. – Any of the following: 45 (1)An education savings and investment plan account qualified under 46 a. section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. 47 48 An ABLE account qualified under section 529A of the Internal <u>b.</u> 49 Revenue Code. 50
 - Qualifying purpose. Any of the following: (2)

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| 17 | | <u>b.</u> | Were deposited into a qualifying acc | |
| 18 19 | SEC | τιον 6 | intentional wrongdoing, or other violation (b) $G = 1601(a)(10)$ is repealed | <u>li ol law.</u> |
| 19 20 | | | (b) G.S. 1C-1601(a)(10) is repealed.(c) This section becomes effective September 2015 | mbor 1 2025 and applies to |
| 20 | actions filed on o | | | inder 1, 2023, and applies to |
| 21 | actions med on o | | illat date. | |
| 22 | PART VII AI | THOR | RIZATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, AN | ID LIKENESS AGENCY |
| 23 24 | CONTRACTS | | MEATION FOR MANE, IMAGE, A | D LIKENESS AGENCI |
| 25 | | TION 7 | (a) Article 9 of Chapter 78C of the Genera | al Statutes reads as rewritten: |
| 26 | 510 | | "Article 9. | a blatates reads as rewritten. |
| 27 | | | "Uniform Athlete Agents Act. | |
| 28 | "§ 78C-85. Title | e. | | |
| 29 | 0 | | cited as the "Uniform Athlete Agents Act". | |
| 30 | "§ 78C-86. Defi | | | |
| 31 | The followin | g defini | tions apply in this Article: | |
| 32 | (1) | - | cy contract. – An agreement in which a | student-athlete authorizes a |
| 33 | | | n to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the st | |
| 34 | | follov | - | |
| 35 | | <u>a.</u> | A professional-sports-services contract o | r an endorsement c ontract. |
| 36 | | <u>b.</u> | An NIL contract. | |
| 37 | (2) | Athle | te agent. – An individual who enters into | o an agency contract with a |
| 38 | | stude | nt-athlete or, directly or indirectly, recruits | or solicits a student-athlete to |
| 39 | | enter | into an agency contract. The term includes | an individual who represents |
| 40 | | to the | public that the individual is an athlete ager | nt. The term does not include |
| 41 | | a spo | use, parent, sibling, or guardian of the stu- | dent-athlete or an individual |
| 42 | | acting | g solely on behalf of a professional sports | team or professional sports |
| 43 | | organ | ization. | |
| 44 | (3) | | tic director An individual responsible f | |
| 45 | | | ic program of an educational institution or | |
| 46 | | has se | eparately administered athletic programs for | or male students and female |
| 47 | | | nts, the athletic program for males or the a | thletic program for females, |
| 48 | | | propriate. | |
| 49 | (4) | | ct. – A communication, direct or indirect, | - |
| 50 | | | ent-athlete to recruit or solicit the student-a | thlete to enter into an agency |
| 51 | | contra | act. | |

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| 1 2 3 | (5) | Endorsement contract. An agreement under v employed or receives consideration to use on beh value that the student-athlete may have because | half of the other party any of publicity, reputation, |
| 4 5 6 | (6) | following, or fame obtained because of athletic abi Intercollegiate sport. – A sport played at the c | ollegiate level for which |
| 6 7 8 | | eligibility requirements for participation by a stud by a national association for the promotion or athletics. | |
| 9 10 | <u>(6a)</u> | <u>Name, image, and likeness (NIL) agency contract.</u> a student-athlete authorizes a person to negotiate or | - |
| 11 12 | <u>(6b)</u> | behalf of the student-athlete. Name, image, and likeness (NIL) contract. – | |
| 13 14 15 | | student-athlete and any entity in which the consideration in exchange for the license or use of image, or likeness. | |
| 16 17 | (7) | Person. – An individual, company, corporation, p any other legal or commercial entity. | partnership, association, or |
| .8 .9 20 | <u>(7a)</u> | <u>Professional-sports-services agency contract.</u> – A <u>student-athlete authorizes a person to n</u> professional-sports-services contract on behalf of the | egotiate or solicit a |
| 21 22 23 24 | (8) | Professional-sports-services contract. – An agr individual is employed or agrees to render se professional sports team, with a professional spo professional athlete. | rvices as a player on a |
| 25 26 | (9) | Record. – Information that is inscribed on a tangible in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable | in perceivable form. |
| 27 28 29 | (10) | Registration. – A certificate issued by the Secretary person has satisfied the requirements of an athle Article. | e |
| 80 81 82 83 84 | (11) | Student-athlete. – An individual who engages in, i may be eligible in the future to engage in any i individual is permanently ineligible to part intercollegiate sport, the individual is not a student- sport. | ntercollegiate sport. If an ticipate in a particular |
| 35 36 | "8 78C-88 Athl | ete agents; registration required; exceptions; void | l contracts |
| 37 | | ot as otherwise provided in this section, an individua | |
| 38 | • • • • | e without holding a certificate of registration under G. | • |
| 39 | · · | e being issued a certificate of registration, an indivi- | 2 |
| 40 | 0 | e for all purposes except signing an agency contract | |
| 41 | 1 | acting on behalf of the student-athlete initiates | |
| 42 43 | | i) within seven days after an initial act as an athlete ag r registration as an athlete agent in this State. | gent, the individual submits |
| 14 | ** | <u>cept as prohibited in G.S. 78C-98(c), a</u> North Caro | lina licensed and resident |
| 15 | | as an athlete agent in this State for all purposes with | |
| 6 | | e attorney neither advertises directly for, nor solici | |
| 17 | representing to a | ny person that the attorney has special experience or | qualifications with regard |
| 18 | 1 0 | udent-athletes and represents no more than two stude | |
| 49 50 | | ency contract resulting from conduct in violation of t | |
| 50 51 | athlete agent shal | ll return any consideration received under the contrac | л. |

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| "§ 78C-9 | . Required form of contr | act. |
| (a) | An agency contract must | be in a record, signed or otherwise authenticated by the |
| parties. | | |
| (b) | (1) The amount and r student-athlete for contract and any | state or contain the following: method of calculating the consideration to be paid by the r services to be provided by the athlete agent under the other consideration the athlete agent has received or will other source for entering into the contract or for providing |
| | • • | erson not listed in the application for registration or renewal o will be compensated because the student-athlete signed et. |
| | (3) A description of an | ny expenses that the student-athlete agrees to reimburse. ne services to be provided to the student-athlete. |
| | (6) The date of execut | |
| (c) | (-) | <u>-services agency contract must contain, in close proximity</u> |
| | | te, a conspicuous notice in boldface type in capital letters |
| stating: | latere of the student unit | e, a conspicação notice în contrace type în capital fetters |
| 5 | WARNIN | IG TO STUDENT-ATHLETE |
| IF YOU | SIGN THIS CONTRACT | |
| (1) | | YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AS A |
| | T-ATHLETE IN YOUR | |
| (2) | | THLETIC DIRECTOR, WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER |
| | | RACT, BOTH YOU AND YOUR ATHLETE AGENT |
| | OTIFY YOUR ATHLET | |
| (3) | | ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE WITH RESPECT |
| | | TAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO IT; AND |
| (4) | | THIS CONTRACT WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER |
| SIGNIN | IT. CANCELLATION | OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL NOT REINSTATE |
| YOUR E | LIGIBILITY. | |
| (c1) | An NIL agency contract | must contain, in close proximity to the signature of the |
| | u i | in boldface type in capital letters stating: |
| | ± | IG TO STUDENT-ATHLETE |
| ENTER | | FRACT THAT CONFLICTS WITH STATE LAW OR |
| YOUR | NSTITUTION'S POLIC | TIES MAY HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES, C ELIGIBILITY. YOU MAY CANCEL THIS NIL |
| AGENC | CONTRACT WITHIN | 14 DAYS AFTER SIGNING IT. |
| (d) | An agency contract that | t does not conform to this section is voidable by the |
| student-a | ilete. If a student-athlete v | oids an agency contract, the student-athlete is not required |
| to pay ai | consideration under the | contract or to return any consideration received from the |
| athlete ag | nt to induce the student-at | hlete to enter into the contract. |
| (e) | The athlete agent shall give | ve a record of the signed or otherwise authenticated agency |
| contract (| the student-athlete at the t | ime of execution. |
| (f) | The waiver of attorney-cli | ent privilege does not affect those privileges between client |
| and attor | ey when the attorney is not | an athlete agent. |
| "§ 78C-9 | . Notice to educational in | nstitution. |
| (a) | Within 72 hours after enter | ering into an-a professional-sports-services agency contract |
| or before | the next scheduled athle | etic event in which the student-athlete may participate, gent shall give notice in a record of the existence of the |
| professio | al-sports-services agency c | contract to the athletic director of the educational institution |

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| student- | athlete in | lent-athlete is enrolled or the athlete agent has reasonable grantends to enroll. | |
| (b) or befor | | in 72 hours after entering into an <u>a professional-sports-serv</u> at athletic event in which the student-athlete may participat | |
| | | -athlete shall inform the athletic director of the educational | |
| the stud | lent-athle | ete is enrolled that he or she has entered into an a profession | ional-sports-services |
| agency | contract. | | - |
| "8 78C- | 98. Pro | hibited conduct. | |
| (a) | | there agent, with the intent to induce a student-athlete to o | enter into an agency |
| < <i>'</i> | t, shall no | - | |
| | (1) | Give any materially false or misleading information or ma promise or representation. | ke a materially false |
| | (2) | Furnish anything of value to a student-athlete before the s | tudent-athlete enters |
| | (2) | into the agency contract. | tudent uniete enters |
| | (3) | Furnish anything of value to any individual other than the | ne student-athlete or |
| | (0) | another registered athlete agent. | |
| (b) | An at | the agent shall not intentionally: | |
| | (1) | Initiate contact with a student-athlete unless the athlete | e agent is registered |
| | ~ / | under this Article. | 0 0 |
| | (2) | Refuse or fail to retain or permit inspection of the rec | ords required to be |
| | | retained by G.S. 78C-97. | 1 |
| | (3) | Fail to register as required by G.S. 78C-88. | |
| | (4) | Provide materially false or misleading information in | an application for |
| | | registration or renewal of registration. | |
| | (5) | Predate or postdate an agency contract. | |
| | (6) | Fail to notify a student-athlete before the student-athlete | e signs or otherwise |
| | | authenticates an agency contract for a particular sport | that the signing or |
| | | authentication shall make the student-athlete ineligible | to participate as a |
| | | student-athlete in that sport. | |
| <u>(c)</u> | If an | athlete agent is currently or was within the prior two year | rs employed or in a |
| contract | ual relat | ionship with an educational institution, the following shall a | apply: |
| | <u>(1)</u> | The athlete agent shall not enter into an NIL agen | cy contract with a |
| | | student-athlete who is enrolled in that educational institu | |
| | (2) | An NIL agency contract is void if, following entry i | |
| | | contract, a student-athlete enrolls in that educational insti- | tution. |
| " | | | |
| | | TION 7.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law | and applies to NIL |
| agency | contracts | entered into on or after that date. | |
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| LIKEN | | ONTRACTS | |
| | | TION 8.(a) G.S. 132-1.2 reads as rewritten: | |
| 0 | | ifidential information. | 1.1. |
| | | his Chapter shall be construed to require or authorize a | public agency or its |
| subdivis | sion to di | sclose any information that: | |
| | ••• | . | |
| | <u>(11)</u> | Reveals records related to a student-athlete's name, i | mage, and likeness |
| | | contract, as defined by G.S. 78C-86(6b)." | |

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SECTION 8.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law and applies retroactively to all records related to a student-athlete's name, image, and likeness contract ever in the possession of the institution of higher education.

5 PART IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 **SECTION 9.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes 7 law.