

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-036

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2 State of Arkansas  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1679

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6 By: Representatives Hawk, M. Shepherd  
7 By: Senator R. Murdock

8 Filed with: House Committee on Education  
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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11 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE STUDY ON  
12 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE PUBLICITY RIGHTS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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16 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE STUDY  
17 ON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE PUBLICITY  
18 RIGHTS.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative  
25 Study on High School Student-Athlete Publicity Rights – Creation – Duties.

26 (a) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on  
27 Education, meeting jointly, shall conduct the Arkansas Legislative Study on  
28 High School Student-Athlete Publicity Rights.

29 (b) The Chair of the House Committee on Education and the Chair of the  
30 Senate Committee on Education shall call the first meeting for the purpose of  
31 beginning the study within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act.

32 (c) The purpose of the study is to assess the need for and feasibility  
33 of amending Arkansas law to create a program whereby a high school student-  
34 athlete may enter into contracts and receive compensation for the use of the  
35 high school student-athlete’s publicity rights.

1           (d) In order to achieve the purpose of this section, the House  
2 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education shall evaluate,  
3 study, and address the following issues:

4                   (1) Best practices in other states in which high school student-  
5 athletes are permitted to receive compensation for their publicity rights;

6                   (2) Feasibility of paying high school student-athletes for their  
7 publicity rights;

8                   (3) Governance of a program regulating publicity rights  
9 contracts for high school student-athletes;

10                   (4) Eligibility requirements for high school student-athletes  
11 wishing to enter contracts for their publicity rights; and

12                   (5) Possible impacts to a high school student-athlete allowed to  
13 profit from his or her name, image, and likeness, and the impact to the  
14 schools and school districts attended by the high school student-athlete  
15 allowed to profit from his or her name, image, and likeness.

16           (e)(1) On or before October 31, 2024, the House Committee on Education  
17 and the Senate Committee on Education shall file with the Legislative Council  
18 a final written report of their activities, findings, and recommendations,  
19 including recommendations for proposed legislation.

20                   (2) Upon filing, the Arkansas Legislative Study on High School  
21 Student-Athlete Publicity Rights shall be complete.

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24 Referred requested by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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