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compensation for use of name, image, or likeness.)

BILL NO: S971 (Substituted for A2106)

SPONSOR(S) Joseph A. Lagana and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 1/27/2020

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Higher Education

**SENATE:** Higher Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 7/30/2020

**SENATE:** 7/30/2020

DATE OF APPROVAL: 9/14/2020

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:** 

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted)

Yes

S971

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

**SENATE:** Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

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### P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 83, approved September 14, 2020 Senate, No. 971 (First Reprint)

AN ACT concerning student-athletes at certain institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey Fair Play Act."

- 2. a. A four-year institution of higher education shall not:
- (1) uphold any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness.

Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection b. of this section, earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness shall not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility. An institutional scholarship shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of this act and a scholarship shall not be revoked as a result of a student earning compensation or obtaining professional representation;

- (2) provide a prospective student-athlete with compensation in relation to the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness; or
- (3) prevent a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys.

Legal representation obtained by student-athletes shall be from attorneys licensed by the State. Athlete agents representing student-athletes shall comply with the federal "Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act" (15 U.S.C. s.7801 et seq.) in their relationship with student-athletes.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section to the contrary, a student participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with any person, company, or organization related to or associated

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

with the development, production, distribution, wholesaling, or retailing of: adult entertainment products and services; alcohol products; casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games, and mobile devices; tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices; <sup>1</sup>prescription <sup>1</sup> pharmaceuticals; a controlled dangerous substance; and weapons, including firearms and ammunition.

Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness in connection with products and services listed pursuant to this subsection shall result in the revocation of the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

- 3. A four-year institution of higher education <sup>1</sup> [shall not be a member of any athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, that:
- a. prohibits a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- b. prohibits an institution of higher education from participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- c. provides a prospective student-athlete with compensation in relation to the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness; or
- d. prevents a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys ], an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefitting the institution or its athletic programs, or any officer, director, or employee of the institution or entity, shall not compensate or cause compensation to be directed to a current or prospective student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics for use of the student's name, image, or likeness.

- 4. a. A student-athlete who enters into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness shall disclose the contract to an official of the four-year institution of higher education, to be designated by the institution.
- b. A student-athlete shall not enter into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness if a provision of the contract:
- 45 (1) conflicts with a provision of the student-athlete's team 46 contract; or
- 47 (2) conflicts with the provisions of subsection b. of section 2 of this act.

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1	c. An institutional team contract shall not prevent a student-
2	athlete from using the athlete's name, image, or likeness for a
3	commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team
4	activities.
5	d. An institutional team contract shall allow the institution,
6	athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with
7	authority over intercollegiate athletics to use the athlete's name,
8	image, or likeness for advertising and marketing purposes without
9	additional compensation paid to the student-athlete.

e. An institution asserting a conflict pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall disclose to the student-athlete and to the student-athlete's professional representation the relevant contractual provisions that are in conflict.

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> 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be applicable in the fifth academic year following the date of enactment.

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## SENATE, No. 971

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2020

**Sponsored by:** 

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM

District 31 (Hudson)

Senator LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Senators Beach and Turner** 

### **SYNOPSIS**

As introduced.

"New Jersey Fair Play Act"; allows collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for use of name, image, or likeness.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/10/2020)

**AN ACT** concerning student-athletes at certain institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey Fair Play Act."

- 2. a. A four-year institution of higher education shall not:
- (1) uphold any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness.

Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection b. of this section, earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness shall not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility. An institutional scholarship shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of this act and a scholarship shall not be revoked as a result of a student earning compensation or obtaining professional representation;

- (2) provide a prospective student-athlete with compensation in relation to the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness; or
- (3) prevent a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys.

Legal representation obtained by student-athletes shall be from attorneys licensed by the State. Athlete agents representing student-athletes shall comply with the federal "Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act" (15 U.S.C. s.7801 et seq.) in their relationship with student-athletes.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section to the contrary, a student participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with any person, company, or organization related to or associated with the development, production, distribution, wholesaling, or retailing of: adult entertainment products and services; alcohol products; casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games, and mobile devices; tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices; pharmaceuticals; a controlled dangerous substance; and weapons, including firearms and ammunition.

Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness in connection with products and services listed pursuant

to this subsection shall result in the revocation of the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

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- a. prohibits a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- an institution of higher education from b. prohibits participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
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- 4. a. A student-athlete who enters into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness shall disclose the contract to an official of the four-year institution of higher education, to be designated by the institution.
- b. A student-athlete shall not enter into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness if a provision of the contract:
- (1) conflicts with a provision of the student-athlete's team contract; or
- (2) conflicts with the provisions of subsection b. of section 2 of this act.
- c. An institutional team contract shall not prevent a studentathlete from using the athlete's name, image, or likeness for a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team activities.
- d. An institutional team contract shall allow the institution, athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics to use the athlete's name, image, or likeness for advertising and marketing purposes without additional compensation paid to the student-athlete.
- e. An institution asserting a conflict pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall disclose to the student-athlete and to the student-athlete's professional representation the relevant contractual provisions that are in conflict.

5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be applicable in the fifth academic year following the date of enactment.

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#### **STATEMENT**

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47 48 This bill allows certain collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness. Under the bill, a four-year institution of higher education will be prohibited from upholding any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness. Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness will not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

The bill specifies, however, that a student is prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with any person, company, or organization related to or associated with the development, production, distribution, wholesaling, or retailing of: adult entertainment products and services; alcohol products; casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games, and mobile devices; tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices; pharmaceuticals; controlled dangerous substances; and weapons, including firearms and ammunition.

Under the bill, a four-year institution is prohibited from being a member of any athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, that:

- prohibits a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- prohibits an institution of higher education from participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- provides a prospective student-athlete with compensation in relation to the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness; or
- prevents a New Jersey student participating in intercollegiate athletics from obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys.

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6	student-athlete from using the athlete's name, image, or likeness for
7	a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official
8	team activities.

### ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 971

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 971 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill allows certain collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness. Under the bill, a four-year institution of higher education will be prohibited from upholding any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness. Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness will not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

The bill specifies, however, that a student is prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with any person, company, or organization related to or associated with the development, production, distribution, wholesaling, or retailing of: adult entertainment products and services; alcohol products; casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games, and mobile devices; tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices; prescription pharmaceuticals; controlled dangerous substances; and weapons, including firearms and ammunition.

Under the bill, a four-year institution of higher education, an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefitting the institution or its athletic programs, or any officer, director, or employee of the institution or entity, is prohibited from compensating or causing compensation to be directed to a current or prospective student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics for use of the student's name, image, or likeness.

The bill provides that a student-athlete who enters into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness must disclose the contract to an official of the four-year institution of higher education, to be designated by the institution. An institutional team contract may not prevent a student-athlete from using the athlete's name, image, or likeness for

a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team activities.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2106, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

The committee amended the bill to:

- 1. Specify that a student is prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with prescription pharmaceuticals;
- Remove language concerning athletic associations, conferences, or other groups or organizations with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and
- 3. Add language prohibiting an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefitting the institution or its athletic programs from compensating current or prospective student-athletes.

### SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 971

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2020

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 971.

This bill allows certain collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness. Under the bill, a four-year institution of higher education will be prohibited from upholding any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness. Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness will not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

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Under the bill, a four-year institution is prohibited from being a member of any athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, that:

- prohibits a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- prohibits an institution of higher education from participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
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## ASSEMBLY, No. 2106

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

### Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LISA SWAIN
District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)
Assemblyman P. CHRISTOPHER TULLY
District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)
Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY
District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

### **Co-Sponsored by:**

Assemblywomen Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight, Pinkin, Assemblyman Karabinchak and Assemblywoman Lopez

#### **SYNOPSIS**

"New Jersey Fair Play Act"; allows collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for use of name, image, or likeness.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/5/2020)

**AN ACT** concerning student-athletes at certain institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey Fair Play Act."

- 2. a. A four-year institution of higher education shall not:
- (1) uphold any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness.

Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection b. of this section, earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness shall not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility. An institutional scholarship shall not be considered compensation for the purposes of this act and a scholarship shall not be revoked as a result of a student earning compensation or obtaining professional representation;

- (2) provide a prospective student-athlete with compensation in relation to the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness; or
- (3) prevent a student participating in intercollegiate athletics from obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys.

Legal representation obtained by student-athletes shall be from attorneys licensed by the State. Athlete agents representing student-athletes shall comply with the federal "Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act" (15 U.S.C. s.7801 et seq.) in their relationship with student-athletes.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section to the contrary, a student participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with any person, company, or organization related to or associated with the development, production, distribution, wholesaling, or retailing of: adult entertainment products and services; alcohol products; casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games, and mobile devices; tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices; pharmaceuticals; a controlled dangerous substance; and weapons, including firearms and ammunition.

Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness in connection with products and services listed pursuant

to this subsection shall result in the revocation of the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

- 3. A four-year institution of higher education shall not be a member of any athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, that:
- 9 a. prohibits a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate 10 athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the 11 student's name, image, or likeness;
  - b. prohibits an institution of higher education from participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
  - c. provides a prospective student-athlete with compensation in relation to the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness; or
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- 4. a. A student-athlete who enters into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness shall disclose the contract to an official of the four-year institution of higher education, to be designated by the institution.
- b. A student-athlete shall not enter into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness if a provision of the contract:
- (1) conflicts with a provision of the student-athlete's team contract; or
- (2) conflicts with the provisions of subsection b. of section 2 of this act.
- c. An institutional team contract shall not prevent a studentathlete from using the athlete's name, image, or likeness for a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team activities.
- d. An institutional team contract shall allow the institution, athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics to use the athlete's name, image, or likeness for advertising and marketing purposes without additional compensation paid to the student-athlete.
- e. An institution asserting a conflict pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall disclose to the student-athlete and to the student-athlete's professional representation the relevant contractual provisions that are in conflict.

5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be applicable in the fifth academic year following the date of enactment.

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#### **STATEMENT**

This bill allows certain collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness. Under the bill, a four-year institution of higher education will be prohibited from upholding any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness. Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness will not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

The bill specifies, however, that a student is prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with any person, company, or organization related to or associated with the development, production, distribution, wholesaling, or retailing of: adult entertainment products and services; alcohol products; casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games, and mobile devices; tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices; pharmaceuticals; controlled dangerous substances; and weapons, including firearms and ammunition.

Under the bill, a four-year institution is prohibited from being a member of any athletic association, conference, or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, that:

- prohibits a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- prohibits an institution of higher education from participating in intercollegiate athletics as a result of the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student's name, image, or likeness;
- provides a prospective student-athlete with compensation in relation to the student-athlete's name, image, or likeness; or
- prevents a New Jersey student participating in intercollegiate athletics from obtaining professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys.

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8	team activities.

### ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2106

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 5, 2020

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2106 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill allows certain collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness. Under the bill, a four-year institution of higher education will be prohibited from upholding any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prevents a student of that institution participating in intercollegiate athletics from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness. Earning compensation from the use of a student's name, image, or likeness will not affect the student's institutional scholarship eligibility.

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Under the bill, a four-year institution of higher education, an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefitting the institution or its athletic programs, or any officer, director, or employee of the institution or entity, is prohibited from compensating or causing compensation to be directed to a current or prospective student-athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics for use of the student's name, image, or likeness.

The bill provides that a student-athlete who enters into a contract providing compensation to the student-athlete for use of his name, image, or likeness must disclose the contract to an official of the four-year institution of higher education, to be designated by the institution. An institutional team contract may not prevent a student-athlete from using the athlete's name, image, or likeness for

a commercial purpose when the athlete is not engaged in official team activities.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 971, which also was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

The committee amended the bill to:

- 1. Specify that a student is prohibited from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness in connection with prescription pharmaceuticals;
- 2. Remove language concerning athletic associations, conferences, or other groups or organizations with authority over intercollegiate athletics, including the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and
- 3. Add language prohibiting an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefitting the institution or its athletic programs from compensating current or prospective student-athletes.

### **Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation**

09/14/2020

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

**S-349/A-1993 (Smith, Greenstein/Pinkin, Benson, Kennedy)** – Requires developers to offer electric vehicle charging stations as option in certain new home construction

**S-806/A-895 (Cunningham, Pou/Giblin, Timberlake, Jasey)** – Provides that New Jersey Better Educational Savings Trust (NJBEST) Program scholarship may be awarded in any semester of attendance or enrollment at institution of higher education in State

**S-960/A-3628 (Rice/Lopez)** – Requires parent to provide completed financial aid application to Higher Education Student Assistance Authority if parent's dependent applies to State for student financial aid

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**S-971/A-2106 (Lagana, Cunningham, Weinberg/Swain, Tully, Wimberly)** – "New Jersey Fair Play Act"; allows collegiate student-athletes to earn compensation for use of name, image, or likeness

**S-2380/A-3999 (Sweeney, Scutari, Singer, Greenstein/Giblin, Burzichelli, Murphy, Downey)** – Concerns employment benefits and coronavirus disease 2019 infections contracted by essential employees

**S-2573/A-4378 (Ruiz, Codey/Karabinchak, Jasey, Lampitt)** – Establishes position of State School Nurse Consultant in DOE to facilitate best practices in school nursing by advancing comprehensive school health services

**SJR-79/AJR-167 (Greenstein, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Tucker, Murphy)** – Creates commission to study sexual assault, misconduct, and harassment by staff against inmates in State correctional facilities

**A-2669/S-1198 (Mukherji/Pou, Oroho)** – Concerning motor vehicle ancillary production products and service contracts

Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bill:

**A-3965/S-2463 (Moen, Murphy, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cruz-Perez)** – **ABSOLUTE** – Expands existing EDA loan program to include certain small producers and retailers of alcoholic beverages

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