

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8534
OFFERED BY MR. GOOD OF VIRGINIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Student
3 Athletes’ Economic Freedom Act of 2024”.

4 SEC. 2. EMPLOYMENT STANDINGS.

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or
6 State law, a student athlete (or former student athlete)
7 may not be considered an employee of an institution, a
8 conference, or an association under any Federal or State
9 law or regulation based on participation of the student
10 athlete (or former student athlete) in a varsity intercolle-
11 giate athletics program or a varsity intercollegiate ath-
12 letics competition, or the existence of rules or require-
13 ments for being a member of any varsity sports team.

14 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

15 In this Act:

16 (1) ASSOCIATION.—The term “association”
17 means an organization that—

1 (A) has multiple conferences and institu-
2 tions as members;

3 (B) arranges championships for varsity
4 intercollegiate athletics programs;

5 (C) sets rules for varsity intercollegiate
6 athletics programs;

7 (D) sets rules for varsity intercollegiate
8 athletics competitions; and

9 (E) is not a conference.

10 (2) CONFERENCE.—The term “conference”
11 means an organization that—

12 (A) has multiple institutions as members;

13 (B) sets rules for varsity intercollegiate
14 athletics competitions;

15 (C) arranges championships for varsity
16 intercollegiate athletics programs; and

17 (D) is not an association.

18 (3) INSTITUTION.—The term “institution”
19 means an institution of higher education (as defined
20 in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
21 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that sponsors a varsity intercolle-
22 giate athletics program in the United States.

23 (4) STUDENT ATHLETE.—The term “student
24 athlete” means an individual who participates in a
25 varsity intercollegiate athletics program.

1 (5) VARSITY INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
2 COMPETITION.—The term “varsity intercollegiate
3 athletics competition” means a competition involving
4 2 or more varsity intercollegiate athletics programs
5 sponsored by different institutions.

6 (6) VARSITY INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
7 PROGRAM.—The term “varsity intercollegiate ath-
8 letics program” means a team or other program unit
9 of an institution participating in a sport—

10 (A) played at the intercollegiate level;

11 (B) administered by an athletic depart-
12 ment; and

13 (C) for which eligibility requirements for
14 participation by student athletes are established
15 by an association.

16 (7) VARSITY SPORTS TEAM.—The term “varsity
17 sports team”—

18 (A) means a team of student athletes orga-
19 nized by a varsity intercollegiate athletics pro-
20 gram to participate in a varsity intercollegiate
21 athletics competition; and

22 (B) does not include a team that is tradi-
23 tionally characterized as an intramural or club
24 team.

