



STATEMENT ON SCORE ACT (H.R. 4312)

For more than 40 years, the Big South Conference has been an exemplary leader in college athletics, dedicated to developing student athletes through the pursuit of excellence in the classroom, community, and field of play. Comprised of nine (9) member institutions sharing a common geographic region and similar academic values and purposes, the Big South sponsors nineteen (19) championship sports while providing supreme academic experiences and highly competitive athletics to nearly 3,400 student athletes.

We support H.R. 4312, the SCORE Act, and urge your favorable consideration during the House Energy and Commerce Committee markup on Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

This bill prioritizes pillars aimed to preserve the student athlete collegiate experience in the post-House settlement era. The bill provides a national framework for Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) agreements and opportunities for student athletes, strengthens the rules and oversight of sports agents, provides conferences and universities limited liability protection, in accordance with the bill's provisions, including when establishing and enforcing rules for transfer and eligibility. Furthermore, the Act recognizes that educational outcomes for student athletes remain the top priority for students in our conferences by asserting they remain student athletes for purposes of competing at the collegiate level.

The SCORE Act is an important step towards providing student athletes and conferences clarity and stability as we enter another season of collegiate sports competition.

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Sherika A. Montgomery
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Big South Conference