## Florida Senate - 2000

By Senator King

8-1573-00 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to athletic agents; creating s. 3 468.45615, F.S.; providing a criminal penalty 4 for providing an illegal inducement to a 5 student athlete; amending s. 468.4562, F.S.; 6 providing for a university to receive treble 7 damages from an agent under certain circumstances; providing an effective date. 8 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Section 468.45615, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 13 14 468.45615 Illegal inducements; penalties.--15 (1) In addition to any civil or administrative penalties, it is a felony of the second degree, punishable as 16 17 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084 for any 18 agent to provide an illegal inducement to a student athlete. 19 (2) Upon an agent's conviction of a violation of this 20 section, the department shall revoke the agent's license, and such agent may not employ, use, or otherwise collaborate with 21 22 any other person to recruit clients. 23 Section 2. Section 468.4562, Florida Statutes, is 24 amended to read: 468.4562 Civil action by institution .--25 26 (1) A college or university may sue for damages, as 27 provided by this section, any person who violates this part. 28 A college or university may seek equitable relief to prevent or minimize harm arising from acts or omissions which are or 29 30 would be a violation of this part. 31 1

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1	(2) For purposes of this section, a college or
2	university is damaged if, because of activities of the person,
3	the college or university is penalized or is disqualified or
4	suspended from participation in intercollegiate athletics by a
5	national association for the promotion and regulation of
6	intercollegiate athletics or by an intercollegiate athletic
7	conference and, because of that penalty, disqualification, or
8	suspension, the institution:
9	(a) Loses revenue from media coverage of a sports
10	contest;
11	(b) Loses the right to grant an athletic scholarship;
12	(c) Loses the right to recruit an athlete;
13	(d) Is prohibited from participating in postseason
14	athletic competition;
15	(e) Forfeits an athletic contest; or
16	(f) Otherwise suffers an adverse financial impact.
17	(3) An institution that prevails in a suit brought
18	under this section may recover:
19	(a) <u>Treble</u> Actual damages;
20	(b) Punitive damages;
21	(c) Court costs; and
22	(d) Reasonable attorney's fees.
23	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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26	SENATE SUMMARY
27	Provides that it is a second-degree felony for an athletic agent to provide an illegal inducement to a
28	student athlete. Allows a university to seek treble damages from an agent under certain circumstances.
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