A bill to be entitled
An act relating to agreements with professional sports
teams; creating s. 286.31, F.S.; defining the terms
“professional sports team” and “sporting event”;
prohibiting a governmental entity from entering into
certain agreements with a professional sports team
unless the agreement includes specified provisions;
requiring a governmental entity that enters into such
an agreement to strictly enforce such provisions;
authorizing the Attorney General to intervene to
enforce such provisions under certain circumstances;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 286.31, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

286.31 Agreements with professional sports teams.—
(1) DEFINITIONS.—
(a) “Professional sports team” means:
1. A team organized in this state that is a member of the
National League or the American League of Major League Baseball,
the National Basketball Association, the National Football
League, the National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, the
American Hockey League, the East Coast Hockey League, the
American Association of Independent Professional Baseball, the
Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, Minor League Baseball,
the National Basketball Association G League, the National
Women’s Soccer League, the Major Arena Soccer League, the United
Soccer League, or the Women’s National Basketball Association;
2. A person hosting a motorsports racing event sanctioned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), IndyCar, or another nationally recognized motorsports racing association at a venue in this state with a permanent seating capacity of at least 75,000; or
3. An organization hosting a Professional Golfers’ Association event.

(b) “Sporting event” means any preseason, regular season, or postseason game or event of a professional sports team.

(2) PROVISIONS REQUIRED IN CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—Beginning July 1, 2022, a governmental entity may not enter into an agreement with a professional sports team that requires a financial commitment by the state or a governmental entity unless the agreement includes:

(a) A written verification that the professional sports team will play the United States national anthem at the beginning of each sporting event held at the team’s home venue or other facility controlled by the team for the event.

(b) A provision providing that any failure to comply with the written verification required by paragraph (a):

1. Constitutes a default of the agreement.
2. Immediately subjects the team to any penalty the agreement authorizes for default, which may include requiring the team to repay any money paid to the team by the state or any governmental entity or classifying the team as ineligible to receive further money under the agreement.
3. May subject the team to a prohibition on contracting with the state.
(3) STRICT ADHERENCE TO DEFAULT PROVISION.—

(a) A governmental entity that enters into an agreement with a professional sports team shall strictly enforce the provision required under paragraph (2)(b).

(b) If a governmental entity fails to timely enforce the provision required under paragraph (2)(b), the Attorney General may intervene to enforce the provision.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.