STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

September 16, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Solages) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to compensation received by minor student-athletes from contracts for the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 6438-c of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. (a) The provisions of this subdivision apply to a student-athlete who has completed at least their sophomore year of high school or international equivalent, and is eligible, or may in the future be eligible, to attend a college and participate in intercollegiate athletics. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to student-athletes eighteen years of age or older.

(b) If total compensation earned from the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness paid to a student-athlete during a calendar year is ten thousand dollars or less, such compensation may be paid directly to the student-athlete or the parent or legal guardian of such student-athlete.

(c)(i) If total compensation earned from the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness paid to a student-athlete during a calendar year exceeds ten thousand dollars, all amounts in excess of ten thousand dollars shall be deposited into a restricted trust account established for the benefit of the student-athlete.

(ii) The trust account described in this paragraph shall be administered in a manner consistent with New York state law applicable to settlement funds involving a minor, except as modified by this subdivision.

(iii) Funds held in trust as described in this subparagraph shall not be released until the student-athlete graduates from high school or attains the age of eighteen, whichever occurs first.

(iv) The trust account shall:

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(A) be established by the parent or legal guardian of the student-athlete;

(B) prohibit withdrawals except by court order or as provided herein; and

(C) be subject to judicial supervision upon petition if necessary.

(d) The superintendent of financial services shall add, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this subdivision on its effective date.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law and shall apply to all contracts entered into by any student-athlete on and after such effective date.