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House Workforce and Higher Education Committee, Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 184
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Thank you, Representative Stewart.

Continuing with the important reforms in House Bill 184, the legislation mandates financial transparency from athlete agents. Specifically, it requires agents to deposit revenues earned on behalf of athletes into monitored trust accounts overseen by the Ohio Athletic Commission. This step ensures accountability and financial security for student-athletes.

House Bill 184 also prohibits agents from sharing fees with unauthorized parties unless written consent is given by the athlete. Furthermore, the bill explicitly bans contracts that demand future compensation or NIL rights from athletes once their collegiate eligibility has ended. These protections are crucial to prevent exploitation and ensure equitable standards in athlete representation.

House Bill 184 is both timely and necessary. As NIL opportunities become an increasingly vital aspect of college athletics, this legislation ensures Ohio is leading in fairness, transparency, and integrity. Thank you for your time and consideration. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.