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Senate Judiciary Committee, Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 184
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Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on *House Bill 184*. I'm proud to carry this important piece of legislation in the Senate, following its successful passage in the House.

House Bill 184 continues our state's efforts to bring necessary reforms to the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) space by strengthening financial transparency and representation standards for athlete agents. One of the bill's central provisions requires agents to deposit revenues earned on behalf of athletes into monitored trust accounts overseen by the Ohio Athletic Commission. This step provides critical oversight and ensures greater financial security for student-athletes.

The bill also prohibits agents from sharing fees with unauthorized individuals unless the athlete has provided written consent. Importantly, it bans contracts that attempt to secure future compensation or NIL rights from athletes after their collegiate eligibility has ended. These protections are designed to prevent exploitation and promote fair, ethical representation for those who are just beginning to navigate their athletic and professional futures.

House Bill 184 is timely and necessary. As NIL continues to evolve across college sports, Ohio has an opportunity to lead with a framework rooted in fairness, accountability, and integrity. With your support, we can ensure our student-athletes are protected and our state remains at the forefront of responsible NIL governance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.