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To enact sections 3373.01, 3373.02, and 3373.03 of	1
the Revised Code to prohibit a middle or high	2
school athlete from earning compensation from	3
the athlete's name, image, or likeness.	4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3373.01, 3373.02, and 3373.03 of	5
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	6

<u>Sec. 3373.01.</u> As used in this chapter:	7
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<u>(A) "Middle or high school" means any of the following</u>	8
<u>that offers any of grades seven through twelve:</u>	9

<u>(1) A school operated by a city, local, exempted village,</u>	10
<u>or joint vocational school district;</u>	11

<u>(2) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of</u>	12
<u>the Revised Code;</u>	13

<u>(3) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the</u>	14
<u>Revised Code;</u>	15

<u>(4) A college-preparatory boarding school established</u>	16
<u>under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code;</u>	17

(5) A chartered nonpublic school;

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(6) A nonchartered nonpublic school that is a member of an
organization that regulates interscholastic athletic conferences
or events.

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(B) "Middle or high school student-athlete" means an
individual who participates in athletic competitions or events
administered by an organization that regulates interscholastic
athletic conferences or events and to whom either of the
following apply:

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(1) The student is enrolled in middle or high school.

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(2) The student is participating in interscholastic
athletics at a middle or high school in accordance with section
3313.536, 3313.537, 3313.5311, 3313.5312, or 3313.5313 of the
Revised Code.

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Sec. 3373.02. No middle or high school, school district,
interscholastic athletic conference, or organization that
regulates interscholastic athletic conferences or events shall
permit a middle or high school student-athlete to do either of
the following:

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(A) Earn compensation from the use of the student-
athlete's name, image, or likeness if that compensation is
earned in connection with the student-athlete's participation in
interscholastic athletics;

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(B) Earn any other compensation related to the student-
athlete's position on the roster of an interscholastic athletics
team.

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Sec. 3373.03. (A) If a middle or high school student-
athlete earns compensation that is prohibited under section

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3373.02 of the Revised Code, no middle or high school, school 46
district, interscholastic athletic conference, or organization 47
that regulates interscholastic athletic conferences or events 48
shall permit the student-athlete to participate in 49
interscholastic athletics in the specific sport to which the 50
compensation relates. Nothing in this division prohibits that 51
student-athlete from participating in interscholastic athletics 52
in a sport to which the compensation does not relate. 53

(B) Each organization that regulates interscholastic 54
athletic conferences or events shall adopt rules or bylaws to 55
implement division (A) of this section. The organization shall 56
include in the rules or bylaws both of the following: 57

(1) A procedure to investigate any allegation that a 58
middle or high school student-athlete has earned compensation 59
that is prohibited under section 3373.02 of the Revised Code and 60
to make a determination regarding the allegation; 61

(2) A procedure for a student-athlete to appeal an adverse 62
determination to the organization's executive officer for 63
reinstatement to participate in interscholastic athletics in the 64
sport to which the compensation is related. 65