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**Cosponsors: Senators Gavarone, Hoagland, Hottinger, Brenner, Peterson,
Schaffer, Roegner, Huffman, S., Eklund, Kunze**

A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the Big Ten Athletic Conference Commissioner 1
to allow Big Ten member institutions to 2
participate in athletic competitions for the 2020 3
fall season. 4

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The Big Ten Athletic Conference canceled athletic 5
competitions for the 2020 fall season due to the ongoing COVID- 6
19 coronavirus outbreak; and 7

WHEREAS, Other athletic conferences across the country are 8
allowing athletic competitions for the 2020 fall season; and 9

WHEREAS, Big Ten student-athletes, students, parents, 10
coaches, and fans have expressed concerns about the negative 11
impacts of canceling those competitions; and 12

WHEREAS, The Big Ten is home to renowned institutions of 13
higher education, scientific research, and medicine that lead in 14
health and safety protocols to limit the spread of the COVID-19 15
coronavirus; and 16

WHEREAS, The Ohio Senate supports Big Ten student-athletes 17
in their long-term academic and athletic pursuits; now therefore 18

be it	19
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 133rd	20
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this	21
resolution, urge the Big Ten Athletic Conference Commissioner to	22
allow member institutions to participate in athletic	23
competitions for the 2020 fall season; and be it further	24
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly	25
authenticated copies of this resolution to the Big Ten Athletic	26
Conference Commissioner and to the news media of Ohio.	27