

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1363

To prohibit institutions of higher education from unfairly imposing sanctions on student athletes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2003

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Student Athlete Fair-  
5 ness Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES.**

7 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
8 U.S.C. 1092) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection:

1       “(h) PROHIBITION ON UNFAIR IMPOSITION OF SANC-  
2 TIONS ON STUDENT ATHLETES.—No institution of higher  
3 education that participates in any program under this  
4 title, and that has an intercollegiate athletic program,  
5 shall—

6               “(1) impose a penalty or other sanction on a  
7 student athlete (including by canceling or forfeiting  
8 games) for a violation of an intercollegiate athletics  
9 association’s rules or codes of conduct that was not  
10 committed by that student;

11               “(2) submit to the imposition by an intercolle-  
12 giate athletics association of any sanction on a stu-  
13 dent athlete (including by canceling or forfeiting  
14 games) for a violation of an intercollegiate athletics  
15 association’s rules or codes of conduct that was not  
16 committed by that student; or

17               “(3) be a member of an intercollegiate athletics  
18 association whose rules or codes of conduct authorize  
19 the imposition of a sanction on a student athlete (in-  
20 cluding by canceling or forfeiting games) for a viola-  
21 tion of an intercollegiate athletics association’s rules  
22 or codes of conduct that was not committed by that  
23 student.”.

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