

SUBJECT: Revisions to athlete agent regulations

COMMITTEE: Licensing and Administrative Procedures — favorable, with amendments

VOTE: 7 ayes — Wilson, Goolsby, Haggerty, Hamric, Pickett, Torres, Yarbrough
0 nays
2 absent — Kubiak, D. Jones

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, Local and Consent Calendar, April 17 — 31-0

WITNESSES: For — None
Against — None
On — Guy Joyner, Secretary of State's Office

DIGEST: SB 1190 would revise regulations dealing with the activities of athletic agents. The bill would provide that an agent:

- could contact an athlete only in a manner authorized under the law;
- must register with the secretary of state before entering into a contract with an athlete;
- would have to send the athletic director of the university in which an athlete was enrolled identical copies of any written materials on credentials or services sent to the athlete; and
- could not discuss services with athletes or their parents until the athlete had given notice of the proposed discussion to the athletic director.

The bill also would delete a requirement that school-sanctioned interviews between agents and athletes be conducted during a period of at least five days.

SB 1190 would take effect September 1, 1997.

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NOTES: Committee amendments would define an institution of higher education and delete the five-day minimum for interviews between athletes and agents.