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College, Union Lobbyists Spar Over Student Athlete Legislation

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Callan Stein, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Health Care + Life Sciences Industry Group, was quoted in the September 16, 2025 *Bloomberg Law* article, "[College, Union Lobbyists Spar Over Student Athlete Legislation](#)."

- "The way this bill looks, I do think it is a limited victory for the NCAA and the conferences," said Cal Stein, a litigation partner with Troutman Pepper Locke familiar with NIL issues.
- The bill, dubbed the SCORE Act and sponsored by Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.), follows an NCAA lawsuit over student athletes' name, image, and likeness (NIL). Stein said lawmakers waited for the parties to settle to advance the legislation, which mirrors President Donald Trump's July executive order called "Saving College Sports."
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- Stein said the bill's limited antitrust exemptions for the NCAA are the biggest hurdle to getting more bipartisan support.

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