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Executive Order Breakdown: President Trump's Vision for College Sports and NIL Reform

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In this episode of *Highway to NIL*, Troutman Pepper Locke attorney Cal Stein breaks down President Trump's "Saving College Sports" executive order. Stein highlights the order's push for new name, image, and likeness (NIL) guardrails, protection and expansion of women's and nonrevenue sports, and a crackdown on third-party pay-for-play payments. He also discusses the call for federal agencies to clarify student-athlete status, signaling possible changes ahead for college athletics governance.

Key topics include:

- Overview of executive orders and their impact on college sports policy (2:10);
- Analysis of the "Saving College Sports" executive order and its six sections (4:05);
- The Trump administration's focus on preserving and expanding nonrevenue and women's sports (7:30);
- Prohibition of third-party pay-for-play payments and implications for NIL enforcement (12:45);
- Potential consequences for schools, including federal funding threats (17:20);
- The call for federal guidance on student-athlete status and possible new classifications (21:00);
- What the executive order means for the NCAA, schools, and the future of college athletics (24:15).

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