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If the Protect College Sports Act (S. 4668) becomes law in its current form, it would effectively limit Sherman Act claims against the NCAA, said Cal Stein, a partner with Troutman Pepper Locke.

"It would be a gigantic, gigantic win for the NCAA," he said. "For these plaintiffs' attorneys, if this is passed, it's going to be extremely difficult on a go-forward basis to try to bring any of these types of suits that they've been bringing."

Should the bill become law, plaintiffs could potentially recast eligibility disputes as fraud claims, Stein said.

Challenges to the constitutionality of the act could also happen, but Stein doubted they'd succeed given Congress's broad power to regulate interstate commerce.

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