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NCAA's \$2.8 Billion Settlement Gets Congress Moving Toward Fixes

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Michael Lowe, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Health Care + Life Sciences Practice Group, was quoted in the June 17, 2025 *Bloomberg Law* article, "[NCAA's \\$2.8 Billion Settlement Gets Congress Moving Toward Fixes.](#)"

The deal provides a level of "stability in the NIL world" that wasn't there before, offering a better likelihood of legislation advancing, said Michael S. Lowe, a litigation partner with Troutman Pepper Locke.

"There's definitely an interest from this administration in getting some kind of NIL legislation passed," he said.

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The only way for the NCAA to put its antitrust issues to bed is to get a blanket federal liability shield, Lowe said. Just because the deal was approved doesn't mean the organization is free from antitrust threats.

Student-athletes can still sue the NCAA over any of the settlement provisions, including a controversial cap on college athlete salaries, Lowe said.

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"Whatever law is passed would need to make it very clear that the things that the *House* settlement has done are exempted from the Sherman Act," Lowe said, referring to the settlement's lead plaintiff, Grant House.

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