

STUDENT ATHLETES (EXCERPT)
Act 477 of 1988

390.1502 Student athlete or immediate family member; giving or promising money or things of value; prohibited purposes; aiding and abetting; "person" defined; violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), a person shall not give, offer, promise, or attempt to give any money or other thing of value to a student athlete or immediate family member of a student athlete for either of the following purposes:

(a) To induce, encourage, or reward the student athlete's application, enrollment, or attendance at an institution of higher education in order to have the student athlete participate in intercollegiate sporting events, contests, exhibitions, or programs at that institution.

(b) To induce, encourage, or reward the student athlete's participation in an intercollegiate sporting event, contest, exhibition, or program.

(2) A person shall not aid or abet any act described in subsection (1).

(3) As used in subsection (1), "person" does not include any of the following:

(a) An institution of higher education or any of its officers or employees if the institution, officer, or employee is acting in accordance with an official written policy of the institution which is in compliance with rules promulgated by the department.

(b) An intercollegiate athletic award approved or administered by the institution of higher education that the student athlete attends.

(c) An immediate family member of the student athlete.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (3), a person who engages in conduct knowing or having reason to know that the conduct is in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$50,000.00, or 3 times the amount given, offered, or promised to the student athlete or immediate family member of the student athlete, whichever is greater, or not more than 1 year imprisonment, or both. The prosecuting attorney of a county where a violation of this section occurs shall enforce this section.

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