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## **Senator Mark Moores' Student Athlete Endorsement Legislation Clears Senate Committee with Bipartisan Support**

SANTA FE – The “Student Athlete Endorsement Act” – sponsored by Senator Mark Moores (District 21-Bernalillo), Senator Bill O’Neill (District 13-Bernalillo), and Representative Antonio Maestas (District 16-Bernalillo) – today cleared the Senate Education Committee with bipartisan support. Senate Bill 94 (SB 94) would allow student athletes in intercollegiate sports at New Mexico’s post-secondary educational institutions to receive compensation from the use of their name, image, or likeness.

“Our student athletes deserve the opportunity to earn a living,” said Senator Moores, a former University of New Mexico football player. “While some athletes receive full scholarships, most do not. This legislation would allow them the freedom to benefit from their hard work.”

Similar legislation has been introduced in other states, including neighboring states, Arizona and Colorado. Current regulations from the National Collegiate College Association (NCAA) do not allow student athletes to receive compensation beyond the cost of attending school.

SB 94 bill will now advance to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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