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Michigan Freedom Fund: Lawmakers Vote to Put College Students, Taxpayers First

Bipartisan Majority Sends House Bill 6074 to Governor

LANSING, MI, December 16, 2014 – A bipartisan majority in the Michigan state Senate today voted to protect students in Michigan’s colleges and universities, and to keep higher education dollars on campus, by barring the unionization of unpaid, student athletes.

House Bill 6074, which was approved by the House of Representatives earlier this month, now goes to Governor Rick Snyder for his signature.

“Unionizing college athletes would send the already rising cost of a college education skyrocketing,” said Michigan Freedom Fund President Greg McNeilly. “That hasn’t stopped unions from targeting college campuses to grow their ranks and fatten their bank accounts with taxpayer dollars.

“Today’s action by a bipartisan majority in Lansing will protect college students, prevent massive new tuition costs, and ensure taxpayer dollars stay in the classroom where they belong.”

Under college athlete unionization schemes, public colleges and universities would be forced to classify student athletes as employees, sending administrative costs soaring and driving up tuition for students and parents. Taxpayers who fund the schools would also be forced to pay union dues for unionized athletes.

A recent Marist poll found that 75 percent of Americans [oppose the unionization of college athletics](#).

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