**Title:** $2,000 NCAA Athlete Allowance in Limbo

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**Meta Description:** Should collegiate athletes get paid? A $2,000 NCAA athlete allowance was recently introduced, however, these plans are not without controversy.

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This creates a difficult situation for the NCAA. If the legislation is changed or rescinded, the NCAA could be open to lawsuits by athletes who signed with the expectation of receiving additional money. Therefore, according to the NCAA, it will honor the agreements already in place. However, if the rule does not survive the override, athletes who sign with schools in February or April would be prohibited from receiving additional money.

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