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TO: All Senators

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SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of legislation: **Collegiate Athletic Reporting**

In the near future I will be reintroducing Senate Bill 1285 from the 2009 – 2010 legislative session. This legislation will amend the Right-to-Know Law (P.L.6, No. 3). This amendment would impose reporting requirements on State-related institutions of higher education requiring the schools to include an itemization of its revenues and expenses of athletic programs.

A study conducted by Florida State University and the NCAA indicated that members of the University's athletic academic support unit supplied answers to tests and typed papers for athletes in sports programs. The results show that many college athletes in large universities have learning disabilities that go undetected and uncorrected due to this environment that concentrates on athletics instead of scholastics. Therefore, many college athletes are unprepared for life after college – in fact some are only prepared for a professional sports career that only 2-3% of them will ever achieve. It is time to start taking steps to ensure that athletes receive an education in something besides their chosen sport and bring to light institutions that are exploiting their athletes.

Previous co-sponsors of this legislation include Senators Fontana, O’Pake, Tartaglione, Washington, Ward and Boscola.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation or have any concerns, please contact Donald Gordon, Esq., at 717-787-5970 or dgordon@pasenate.com.