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SENATE DRS75045-MA-178 (03/01)

Short Title: Professional Sports Agents/College Athletes.

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Sponsors: Senator Dannelly.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON ACTING AS, FOR, OR ON
3 BEHALF OF A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM OR AGENT TO CONTACT ANY
4 TEAM MEMBER, ATHLETE, COACH, OR MEMBER OF A COACHING STAFF FOR
5 THE PURPOSES OF RECRUITING A STUDENT ATHLETE PRIOR TO THE END OF
6 THE LAST SEASON OF THE SPORT IN WHICH THE STUDENT ATHLETE IS
7 ELIGIBLE TO PLAY.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Article 51 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by
10 adding a new section to read:

11 "**§ 14-379.1. Unlawful contact with a student athlete by a professional sports team or**
12 **agent.**

13 It shall be unlawful for any person acting as, for, or on behalf of a professional sports team
14 or agent to contact any team member, athlete, coach, or member of a coaching staff for the
15 purposes of recruiting a student athlete prior to the end of the last season of the sport in which
16 the student athlete is eligible to play. A person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class I
17 felony and shall pay a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and be imprisoned
18 for a period of time not less than 30 days."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to
20 offenses committed on or after that date.

