

Rep. Schor offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 268.

A resolution to call on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors to overturn the decision by the Division 1 Management Council to prohibit satellite training camps.

Whereas, On April 8, 2016, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1 Management Council voted to prohibit Football Bowl Subdivision college football coaches from attending training camps or clinics away from a school's campus or facilities regularly used for practice or competition, effective immediately; and

Whereas, The ban will restrict the higher educational opportunities for some high school students by reducing the chance for athletes to showcase their talents and earn a college scholarship. Satellite camps offer coaches a chance to evaluate recruits in person. They are a cost-effective method for schools to cast a wider recruiting net and for recruits to get noticed by multiple schools as well as gauge themselves against other recruits at one camp; and

Whereas, The ban will disproportionately impact disadvantaged student athletes without the means to travel to multiple camps. At a local satellite camp, they can be seen by numerous coaches at several levels. Without them, they may be unseen, their talent wasted, and maybe their only opportunity to attend college lost. Many college players have expressed frustration over the ruling, saying satellite camps were their ticket to a life-changing college scholarship; and

Whereas, With this ban fewer college coaches will see fringe high school prospects. Geographically isolated colleges and lower level programs will be at a disadvantage in attracting athletes to their camps; and

Whereas, The mission of universities and athletic programs, overseen by the NCAA, should be to provide future student athletes with exposure to opportunities, not to limit them. It appears that some schools and conferences are willing to sacrifice the interests of potential student athletes for no better reason than to selfishly guard and monopolize their recruiting bases; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors to overturn the decision by the Division 1 Management Council to prohibit satellite training camps; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the NCAA Board of Directors and Division 1 Management Council.