

before the Legislature on a number of occasions or has been introduced but it has never gotten out of committee and the number of years during which it has been introduced have not seen any improvement in the writing of the bill. One of the worst things about it is that it aims, although not consciously, to produce a monopoly where just a few very wealthy agents will be able to handle all of the athletes. If you can get a number of states to do this and each places a high registration fee, then agents will not be able to afford to do this all over the country and by doing that you restrict the number of people who can be agents to a selected handful. The bill allows the school itself to set up interviews with selected agents or approved agents and by doing that they start putting together the pieces for the creation of criminal conduct. If an agent violates the rule of any school that has been put together for conducting these interviews, that agent can be guilty of a crime which means that the crime is created by the institution that establishes the rules and that is not allowable. You are taking the criminal process of this state and using it to enforce the administrative activities of various institutions of so-called higher learning, or so-called institutions of higher learning. There are a number of other things that need to be looked at in the broad overview, then there are specifics I would like to bring to your attention. It is a situation we're confronting here where UN-L, as all these schools, are the real concern is with the eligibility of the player so that he or she will continue to be a revenue generator for the school. If the schools had a genuine concern for these athletes, instead of giving them these basket weaving courses or some of these others that were especially created at UN-L a couple of years ago in summer school to help keep them eligible, they would put together some classes that relate to how agents deal to the meaning and significance of contracts and all of the issues that we're being asked to address here today and thereby make the Legislature an enforcement arm of the NCAA, could better be addressed by these schools if they have a genuine concern for these players. And I know Senator Schmit is going to be upset with this bill because if he was against due process, then you know he's got to be against exploitation of the athletes. Now there is something that those of you who are in business should look at. On page 4 you will see all of this material that an agent has to put down and publish. Business or occupation engaged in by the applicant, this is at line 24, by the applicant for the five years immediately preceding the date of application. What other business is required to do that before