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# NCAA president says Congress must act to preserve sports at colleges that can't pay athletes

## Description

A court ruling in Tennessee has made the issue of NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) schools using Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) money to recruit athletes quite urgent. The news didn't bring a positive response from the NCAA; its statement suggests that the new ruling will only create more disorder in the college sphere.

Just a while ago in December, Baker, the current president of NCAA, put forward an idea. This included creating a fresh category in Division I. In this category, schools profiting most from sports could afford to pay their student-athletes. However, Baker doesn't wish for either NCAA changes or new court decisions to jeopardize sports in other colleges.

Furthermore, Baker shared his concerns about specific colleges. He feels that the employment model doesn't suit historically Black colleges and universities, as well as Division II or III schools. He says that these colleges do not usually gain from sports. Quite contrary, they lose money. Given their financial struggles with sports, he believes they cannot afford to pay the athletes.

Despite the challenges, Baker remains optimistic about conversations with Congress members. He hopes for actions from Congress to safeguard and regulate athletes' NIL rights. This will also ensure more monetary opportunities for student-athletes.

Still, some legislators doubt the likelihood of NCAA's success in Congress. For instance, Sen. Marsha Blackburn feels that NCAA's past actions create barriers for it to get help from Congress. Similarly, Sen. Chris Murphy states that NCAA should negotiate with athletes and create a new model. He believes that merely seeking relief from Congress lacks a reasonable approach.

It's clear that the NCAA is in a tight spot currently. With Congress members questioning its intentions, they certainly can't get any 'get out of jail free card.' They need to make efforts to protect athletes' interests and create viable solutions for colleges in different divisions.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Ruling** // (noun): An official decision or pronouncement by a judge or court.
2. **Recruit** // (verb): To enlist or seek to enlist new people to join an organization, especially the military or college athletics.
3. **Disorder** // (noun): A state of confusion, lack of order, or disruption.
4. **Profiting** // (verb): Obtaining financial gain or benefit.
5. **Jeopardize** // (verb): To put at risk or endanger something.



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6. **Optimistic** // (adjective): Having a positive outlook or expectation for the future.

## **CATEGORY**

1. Uncategorized

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