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Title: Goodwin, D. N. (2015). Not quite filling the gap: Why the miscellaneous expenses allowance leaves NCAA vulnerable to antitrust litigation. *BC Int'l & Comp. L., Rev.*, 36, 1277.

Purpose: This article aims to examine the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) claims in violating antitrust laws by restricting broadcasting, limiting coaches' salaries, and exceeding the amount of scholarship. This study will also involve NCAA approaches to resolve the issue through the formulation of the miscellaneous expense allowance (MEA). This legislature is meant to protect NCAA from future antitrust liability. Therefore, the article will analyze some hypothetical that may result even after the implementation of the MEA.

Problem: The problem highlighted in on the restriction made by NCAA to limit the amount of athletic-based financial aids that cover tuition, fees, and textbooks. Nevertheless, the board reformed some of its policies in 2011 to extend the limit through the MEA. This approach would enable student-athletes to receive full scholarships, but many schools aired concerns to block the legislation a few months after its proposal. As such, there is still further need to review the policy to promote the wellbeing of student-athletes.

Procedure: The article begins by introducing a brief history of college athletes' compensation. This section is followed by an analysis of how courts have applied the antitrust laws related to NCAA. This information will help in determining possible antitrust claims that may result even after the implementation of MEA. This section will also involve the examination of arguments that may result from both sides.

Results: Adopting an appropriate MEA legislation will reduce the probability of antitrust lawsuits against NCAA. The legislation will also provide better options for student-athletes. The NCAA argues that this law will also promote competitive equity by limiting the number of funds used by colleges' athletics programs.

Conclusion: The article concludes that the NCAA needs to frequently review its MEA legislation to address antitrust laws' liability issues. This approach will ensure that both parties, including student-athletes and colleges, benefit from the partnership. Also, this approach will minimize the misuse of funds that could otherwise be used for other college investments.