

SENATE BILL NO. 633

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:176(F), relative to school interscholastic extracurricular athletic programs;  
3 to prohibit certain schools from being a member of, or participating in any  
4 competition sponsored by, organizations that do not provide for arbitration of  
5 eligibility issues; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:176(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §176. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation; standards;  
9 prohibitions; filming or videotaping; definitions

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11 **F.(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no public school**  
12 **or nonpublic school that receives any public funds may be a member of, or**  
13 **participate in any competition sponsored by, any intrastate interscholastic**  
14 **extra-curricular athletic association or organization that does not provide for**  
15 **third-party arbitration of eligibility issues.**

16 **(2) For the purposes of this Section, the term "third-party arbitration"**  
17 **means a process that provides all of the following elements:**

18 **(a) The rules and procedures established by the association or**  
19 **organization shall generally comply with the spirit of the rules and procedures**  
20 **of the American Arbitration Association.**

21 **(b) Arbitrators shall be approved by the American Arbitration**  
22 **Association and the parties.**

23 **(c) Arbitration shall be implemented only after all internal remedies**  
24 **have been exhausted.**

25 **(d) Each party shall bear the cost of its own representation and any other**  
26 **costs related to its presentation, if any.**

1                    **(e) Except as provided in Subparagraph (d) of this Paragraph, the losing**  
2                    **party shall bear the costs of the arbitration proceeding.**

3                    **(f) The resulting arbitration decision shall be final and non-appealable.**

4                    Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
5                    signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
6                    by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
7                    vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
8                    effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_