

New law provides that no public school or nonpublic school that receives any public funds may be a member of, or participate in any competition sponsored by, any intrastate interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization that does not provide for third-party arbitration of eligibility issues.

Provides specific requirements to be met by the third party arbitration process as follows:

- (1) Process provided by the entity furnishing arbitration shall comply with the spirit of the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association.
- (2) Arbitrators shall be approved by the American Arbitration Association.
- (3) Arbitration shall be implemented only after all internal remedies are exhausted.
- (4) Each party shall bear the entire cost of presenting their case.
- (5) Except for the presentation of each party's case, the party losing the arbitration shall bear all additional costs of the arbitration proceeding.
- (6) The arbitration decision shall be final and nonappealable.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 4, 2014).

(Adds R.S. 17:176(F))