

SENATE BILL NO. 633

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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F.(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, 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 extra-curricular athletic association or organization that does not provide for third-party arbitration of eligibility issues.

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

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

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

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

(d) Each party shall bear the cost of its own representation and any other 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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____