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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A STUDENT COMPLETE AN APPEAL PROCESS BEFORE FILING A COMPLAINT WITH A GROUP OF NEUTRAL ARBITRATORS CONCERNING THE STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill requires a student who is found by a school, school district, or any organization or association to be ineligible to participate

in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity or who is otherwise sanctioned to complete an appeal process before filing a petition or complaint with a group of sitting or retired judges or other group of neutral arbitrators.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** 22-32-116.5 (9.5) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, 3 is amended to read: 4 22-32-116.5. Extracurricular and interscholastic activities. 5 (9.5) (b) Any A student may bypass WHO HAS COMPLETED the appeal 6 process at any time by filing DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS 7 SUBSECTION (9.5) MAY FILE a petition or complaint with a group of sitting 8 or retired judges or other group of neutral arbitrators approved by the 9 school, school district, or any organization or association to which the 10 school or school district belongs. In rendering his or her decision, the 11 judge or arbitrator shall consider whether any rule was properly applied to the student and whether a waiver of any rule should be granted. A final 12 13 decision shall be rendered by the judge or arbitrator no later than thirty 14 days after the filing of the petition or complaint and shall be binding on 15 the student, the school, the school district, and any association or 16 organization to which the school or school district belongs. Any cost 17 associated with a judge or arbitrator shall be charged equally to the 18 student and any association or organization to which the school or school 19 district belong. 20 **SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 21 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, 23

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- section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 5, 2010, if adjournment
- sine die is on May 6, 2010); except that, if a referendum petition is filed
- against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period,
- 4 then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take
- 5 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by
- 6 proclamation of the governor.

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