

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1361

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MEIRATH.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to appeals of decisions made by statewide activities associations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.028, to read as follows:

161.028. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Rue Wells Act".

2. For purposes of this section, "activities association" shall mean any nonprofit statewide organization that facilitates interscholastic activities for secondary school students, and whose members include at least one public school district that pays any fees to such association including, but not limited to, activity participation fees, tournament registration fees, membership fees, or any other fees relating to membership in such association or participation in any activities facilitated by such association.

3. An activities association shall not serve as the appellate body responsible for handling appeals relating to any decisions or rulings made by such activities association.

4. (1) There is hereby created the "Transfer Board", which shall serve as the appellate body responsible for handling appeals relating to any decisions or rulings made by an activities association.

(2) The transfer board shall be composed of the following:

(a) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(b) Three members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate; and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **(c) One member appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the**
19 **senate.**

20 **5. A student who desires to appeal a decision or ruling made by an activities**
21 **association that affects such student shall file an appeal with the transfer board within**
22 **thirty business days after such decision or ruling made by an activities association.**

23 **6. Within five business days of receiving an appeal relating to a decision or**
24 **ruling made by an activities association, the transfer board shall convene a meeting to**
25 **consider the appeal. Within twenty-four hours of such meeting, the transfer board shall**
26 **rule on the appeal, and such ruling shall be final.**

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