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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 10

5 By: Senator Todd  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF DECISIONS OF  
10 THE ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW  
15 OF DECISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES  
16 ASSOCIATION."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 *SECTION 1. PURPOSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly*  
21 *that it is the public policy of this state that the academic, athletic, and*  
22 *extracurricular activities of students of public schools should be regulated*  
23 *by the school districts and the Department of Education. The state has*  
24 *allowed a private organization, the Arkansas Activities Association, to*  
25 *regulate athletic and extracurricular events among schools. The state finds*  
26 *it advantageous to continue its association with the Arkansas Activities*  
27 *Association but to be consistent with general public policy the state should*  
28 *take a more active role in appeals from decisions of the Arkansas Activities*  
29 *Association by the schools and citizens of this state. Therefore, it is the*  
30 *purpose of this act to provide for a hearing officer selected by the*  
31 *Department of Education to hear appeals from the Arkansas Activities*  
32 *Association.*

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34 *SECTION 2. (a) Any decision of the Arkansas Activities Association*  
35 *concerning conference alignment, player eligibility, team eligibility, or*  
36 *school classification to participate in interscholastic activities shall be*

1 subject to appeal to a hearing officer designated by the State Board of  
2 Education and paid by the Arkansas Activities Association.

3 (b) Appeals shall be governed by the Administrative Procedure Act,  
4 Arkansas Code 25-15-201 et.

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6 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
17 hereby repealed.

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19 /s/Todd

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