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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Spano offered the following:

**Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 129 and 130, insert:

(g) The FHSAA shall provide a process for the resolution of student eligibility disputes which includes the opportunity to use an informal conference procedure.

1. The FHSAA must provide written notice to the student athlete, parent, and member school stating specific findings of fact that support a determination of ineligibility. The student athlete, parent, or member school must request an informal conference within 10 days after receipt of such notice if intending to contest the determination. The informal conference must be held within 10 days after receipt of the request. The

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15 informal conference may be held by telephone or by video  
16 conference and, if video conference equipment is available, may  
17 be conducted at the student's school.

18 2. If the eligibility dispute is not resolved at the  
19 informal conference and if requested by the student athlete,  
20 parent, or member school, the FHSAA must provide a formal  
21 process for the timely and cost-effective resolution of an  
22 eligibility dispute by a neutral third party whose decision is  
23 binding on the parties to the dispute. The neutral third party  
24 must be mutually agreed to by the parties and may be a retired  
25 or former judge, a dispute resolution professional approved by  
26 The Florida Bar or by the court in the circuit in which the  
27 dispute arose, or a certified mediator or arbitrator in the  
28 jurisdiction in which the dispute arose. If the parties cannot  
29 mutually agree on a neutral third party, the FHSAA must select a  
30 neutral third party at random from a list of dispute resolution  
31 professionals maintained by The Florida Bar.

32 3. A final determination regarding the eligibility dispute  
33 must be issued no later than 30 days after the informal  
34 conference, unless an extension is agreed upon by both parties.

35 (i) ~~(h)~~ In lieu of bylaws adopted under paragraph (h) ~~(g)~~,  
36 the FHSAA may adopt bylaws providing as a minimum the procedural  
37 safeguards of ss. 120.569 and 120.57, making appropriate  
38 provision for appointment of unbiased and qualified hearing  
39 officers.

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**D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T**

Remove lines 23-24 and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (g) through (m) of subsection (2) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (h) through (n), respectively, subsection (1) and paragraph (c) and present paragraph (h) of subsection (2) are amended, and a new paragraph (g) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 18 and insert:

information available to parents; providing a process for resolving student eligibility disputes; providing an