

noneligible student athlete who has not previously signed a professional sports services contract and who is enrolled as a student at an institution of higher education. What does that mean?

SENATOR ASHFORD: The phrase noneligible student athlete? Who are we directing that section at, is that what you're asking?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm asking what those words mean. What is a noneligible student athlete, first?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'm not sure what a noneligible, without looking at the rest of the bill, I can't tell you right off the bat...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll read what a noneligible student athlete...

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'd have to go back to the other section.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is. On page 3...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Section 6.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, a noneligible student athlete shall mean an athlete who resides in this state who is not a student athlete. Now, what is an athlete?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I think they're getting at...I believe they are making a differentiation there between athlete and an athlete who is not enrolled in an institution. So I would say an athlete is someone who engages in athletic activity. That would my definition of an athlete.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So an institution of higher learning could be law school or medical school, couldn't it?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Possibly, if the rules of that institution allow that individual to participate in athletic events at that institution. That's how I would read it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, the institutions don't determine that. Generally the NCAA...(interruption)

SENATOR ASHFORD: Or the NCAA does, right.