

1 **Senate Bill No. 532**

2 (By Senators Walters, Chafin and Fitzsimmons)

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4 [Introduced March 14, 2013; referred to the Committee on the
5 Judiciary.]
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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §55-10-9, relating to
12 prohibiting corporations that contractually engage in
13 predispute binding arbitration with residents and citizens of
14 the State of West Virginia from receiving state funding, state
15 contracts or state purchasing agreements.

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

17 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
18 by adding thereto a new section, designated §55-10-9, to read as
19 follows:

20 **ARTICLE 10. ARBITRATION.**

21 **§55-10-9. Corporations that require binding arbitration; effect on**
22 **state funding, state contracts and purchasing**
23 **agreements.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, a
2 corporation that contractually engages in pre-dispute binding
3 arbitration with citizens or residents of the State of West
4 Virginia may not receive state funding, a state contract or a state
5 purchasing agreement. For the purpose of this section, "state"
6 includes the State of West Virginia and its political subdivisions,
7 boards, commissions, agencies and instrumentalities.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit corporations that engage in pre-dispute binding arbitration with citizens or residents of the State of West Virginia from receiving state funding, state contracts and state purchasing agreements.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.