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2 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s.  
3 468.701, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
4 "athletic trainer"; deleting a requirement that is  
5 relocated to another section; amending s. 468.707,  
6 F.S.; revising athletic trainer licensure  
7 requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring  
8 certain licensees to maintain certification in good  
9 standing without lapse as a condition of renewal of  
10 their athletic trainer licenses; amending s. 468.713,  
11 F.S.; requiring that an athletic trainer work within a  
12 specified scope of practice; relocating an existing  
13 requirement that was stricken from another section;  
14 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct  
15 supervision of an athletic training student to be in  
16 accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic  
17 Training; providing an effective date.  
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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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21 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida  
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

24 (1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this  
25 part who has met the requirements of ~~under~~ this part, including  
26 the education requirements established ~~as set forth~~ by the  
27 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or  
28 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the  
29 Board of Certification. ~~An individual who is licensed as an~~

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30 ~~athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent~~  
31 ~~that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that~~  
32 ~~he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to~~  
33 ~~provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from~~  
34 ~~providing.~~

35 Section 2. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
36 read:

37 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be  
38 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on  
39 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also  
40 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board,  
41 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The  
42 department shall license each applicant who:

43 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the  
44 required fees.

45 (2) ~~For a person who applies on or after July 1, 2016,~~ Has  
46 submitted to background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135. The  
47 board may require a background screening for an applicant whose  
48 license has expired or who is undergoing disciplinary action.

49 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's  
50 ~~baccalaureate or higher~~ degree from a college or university  
51 professional athletic training degree program accredited by the  
52 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or  
53 its successor organization recognized and approved by the United  
54 States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition  
55 of Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or  
56 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the  
57 national examination to be certified by the Board of  
58 Certification; or-

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59        (b) ~~(4)~~ Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, has  
60 completed the Board of Certification internship requirements,  
61 and holds ~~If graduated before 2004, has~~ a current certification  
62 from the Board of Certification.

63        (4) ~~(5)~~ Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary  
64 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator  
65 set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined  
66 by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.

67        (5) ~~(6)~~ Has completed any other requirements as determined  
68 by the department and approved by the board.

69        Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida  
70 Statutes, is amended to read:

71        468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.—

72        (3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the  
73 licensee must be currently certified by the Board of  
74 Certification or its successor agency and maintain that  
75 certification in good standing without lapse.

76        Section 4. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
77 read:

78        468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers.—

79        (1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction  
80 of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter  
81 460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice  
82 medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction  
83 through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed  
84 appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and  
85 care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide  
86 service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.

87        (2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her

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88 allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.  
89 468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,  
90 or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or  
91 services that he or she lacks the education, training, or  
92 experience to provide or that he or she is otherwise prohibited  
93 by law from providing.

94 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida  
95 Statutes, is amended to read:

96 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prohibit ~~prevent~~ or  
97 restrict:

98 (2) An athletic training student acting under the direct  
99 supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this  
100 subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of  
101 an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately  
102 available to the athletic training student and able to intervene  
103 on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must  
104 comply with board rule ~~in accordance with the standards set~~  
105 ~~forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training~~  
106 ~~Education or its successor.~~

107 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.