

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/SB 226 — Athletic Trainers

by Health Policy Committee and Senator Harrell

The bill requires an athletic trainer to work within his or her scope of practice as defined by the Board of Athletic Trainers (BOAT) and revises the educational and internship requirements for licensure.

The bill amends s. 468.701, F.S., to remove a substantive statutory provision from the definition of “athletic trainer” and relocate that provision to s. 468.713, F.S. The provision in question restricts a licensed athletic trainer from providing, offering to provide, or representing that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from providing.

The bill also specifies within s. 468.713, F.S., that an athletic trainer must work within his or her allowable scope of practice as specified in BOAT rule.

The bill amends the licensure requirements for an athletic trainer in s. 468.707, F.S., to create a new licensure pathway for applicants who hold a bachelor’s degree, have completed the Board of Certification for athletic trainers (BOC) internship requirements, and hold a current certification from the BOC to become licensed in Florida.

The bill amends s. 468.711, F.S., relating to licensure renewal requirements to require an athletic trainer to maintain his or her BOC certification in good standing without lapse. A licensee will have to demonstrate the continuous good-standing of his or her BOC certification at the time of renewal.

The bill amends s. 468.723, F.S., to give the BOAT rulemaking authority to further define the supervision between an athletic training student and a licensed athletic trainer, rather than relying on compliance with standards set by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0