

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health Care Regulation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s. 468.707,
7 F.S.; revising the requirements for licensure as an
8 athletic trainer; removing a provision requiring specific
9 coursework; removing a provision requiring standard first
10 aid certification; removing a provision requiring
11 supervised athletic training experience; removing an
12 obsolete provision; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; removing a
13 provision requiring continuing education in standard first
14 aid; amending s. 468.717, F.S.; revising a ground for
15 punishment relating to practicing without a license;
16 providing penalties; amending s. 468.723, F.S.; removing
17 an exemption provision relating to teacher apprentice
18 trainers and teacher athletic trainers; amending s.
19 1012.46, F.S.; providing for the replacement of teacher
20 athletic trainers by athletic trainers licensed pursuant
21 to part XIII of ch. 468; deleting the classification of
22 first responder in a school district's athletic injuries
23 prevention and treatment program; requiring that an

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24 athletic trainer employed by a school district be licensed
 25 as an athletic trainer; deleting a requirement that such
 26 person possess certain certification as an educator;
 27 providing an effective date.

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29 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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31 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.707, Florida
 32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 468.707 Licensure by examination; requirements.--

34 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an athletic
 35 trainer shall apply to the department on a form approved by the
 36 department.

37 ~~(a)~~ The department shall license each applicant who:

38 ~~(a)1-~~ Has completed the application form and remitted the
 39 required fees.

40 ~~(b)2-~~ Is at least 21 years of age.

41 ~~(c)3-~~ Has obtained a baccalaureate degree from a college
 42 or university accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and
 43 approved by the United States Department of Education or the
 44 Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, or
 45 approved by the board.

46 ~~(d)4-~~ Has completed an approved athletic training
 47 curriculum coursework from a college or university accredited by
 48 an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United
 49 States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition
 50 of Postsecondary Accreditation, or approved by the board, ~~in~~
 51 ~~each of the following areas, as provided by rule: health, human~~

52 ~~anatomy, kinesiology/biomechanics, human physiology, physiology~~
 53 ~~of exercise, basic athletic training, and advanced athletic~~
 54 ~~training.~~

55 (e)5. Has current certification in ~~standard first aid and~~
 56 ~~cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation from the American Red~~
 57 ~~Cross or an equivalent certification as determined by the board.~~

58 ~~6. Has, within 2 of the preceding 5 years, attained a~~
 59 ~~minimum of 800 hours of athletic training experience under the~~
 60 ~~direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer or an athletic~~
 61 ~~trainer certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association~~
 62 ~~or a comparable national athletic standards organization.~~

63 (f)7. Has passed an examination administered or approved
 64 by the board.

65 ~~(b) The department shall also license each applicant who:~~

66 ~~1. Has completed the application form and remitted the~~
 67 ~~required fees no later than October 1, 1996.~~

68 ~~2. Is at least 21 years of age.~~

69 ~~3. Has current certification in standard first aid and~~
 70 ~~cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation from the American Red~~
 71 ~~Cross or an equivalent certification as determined by the board.~~

72 ~~4.a. Has practiced athletic training for at least 3 of the~~
 73 ~~5 years preceding application; or~~

74 ~~b. Is currently certified by the National Athletic~~
 75 ~~Trainers' Association or a comparable national athletic~~
 76 ~~standards organization.~~

77 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 468.711, Florida
 78 Statutes, is amended to read:

79 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.--

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80 (2) The board may, by rule, prescribe continuing education
81 requirements, not to exceed 24 hours biennially. The criteria
82 for continuing education shall be approved by the board and
83 shall include a current certificate in 4 hours in standard first
84 ~~aid and~~ cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation from the American
85 Red Cross or equivalent training as determined by the board.

86 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 468.717, Florida
87 Statutes, is amended to read:

88 468.717 Violations and penalties.--Each of the following
89 acts constitutes a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
90 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083:

91 (1) Practicing athletic training ~~for compensation~~ without
92 holding an active license under this part.

93 Section 4. Section 468.723, Florida Statutes, is amended
94 to read:

95 468.723 Exemptions.--~~Nothing in~~ This part does not prevent
96 or restrict ~~shall be construed as preventing or restricting:~~

97 (1) The professional practice of a licensee of the
98 department who is acting within the scope of such practice.

99 (2) An athletic training student ~~A student athletic~~
100 ~~trainer~~ acting under the direct supervision of a licensed
101 athletic trainer.

102 ~~(3) A person employed as a teacher apprentice trainer I, a~~
103 ~~teacher apprentice trainer II, or a teacher athletic trainer~~
104 ~~under s. 1012.46.~~

105 (3)(4) A person from administering standard first aid
106 treatment to an athlete.

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107 ~~(4)~~(5) A person licensed under chapter 548, provided such
108 person is acting within the scope of such license.

109 ~~(5)~~(6) A person providing personal training instruction
110 for exercise, aerobics, or weightlifting, if the person does not
111 represent himself or herself as able to provide "athletic
112 trainer" services and if any recognition or treatment of
113 injuries is limited to the provision of first aid.

114 Section 5. Section 1012.46, Florida Statutes, is amended
115 to read:

116 1012.46 Athletic trainers.--

117 (1) School districts may establish and implement an
118 athletic injuries prevention and treatment program. Central to
119 this program should be the employment and availability of
120 persons trained in the prevention and treatment of physical
121 injuries that ~~which~~ may occur during athletic activities. The
122 program should reflect opportunities for progressive advancement
123 and compensation in employment as provided in subsection (2) and
124 meet certain other minimum standards developed by the Department
125 of Education. The goal of the Legislature is to have school
126 districts employ and have available a full-time ~~teacher~~ athletic
127 trainer in each high school in the state.

128 ~~(2) To the extent practicable, a school district program
129 should include the following employment classification and
130 advancement scheme:~~

131 ~~(a) First responder.-- To qualify as a first responder, a
132 person must possess a professional, temporary, part-time,
133 adjunct, or substitute certificate pursuant to s. 1012.56, be
134 certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and have~~

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135 | ~~15 semester hours in courses such as care and prevention of~~
136 | ~~athletic injuries, anatomy, physiology, nutrition, counseling,~~
137 | ~~and other similar courses approved by the Commissioner of~~
138 | ~~Education. This person may only administer first aid and similar~~
139 | ~~care.~~

140 | ~~(2)(b) Teacher athletic trainer.~~—To qualify as an a
141 | ~~teacher~~ athletic trainer, a person must be licensed under part
142 | XIII of chapter 468 and may possess a professional, temporary,
143 | part-time, adjunct, or substitute certificate pursuant to s.
144 | 1012.35, s. 1012.56 or s. 1012.57, ~~and be licensed as required~~
145 | ~~by part XIII of chapter 468.~~

146 | Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.