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2 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending
3 s. 468.707, F.S.; revising the requirements for
4 licensure as an athletic trainer; amending s.
5 468.711, F.S.; revising the criteria for
6 continuing education in athletic training;
7 amending s. 468.717, F.S.; providing that a
8 person who practices athletic training without
9 holding an active license commits a
10 first-degree misdemeanor regardless of whether
11 the person receives compensation; amending s.
12 468.723, F.S.; providing that a person employed
13 as an apprentice trainer or athletic trainer is
14 not exempt from part XIII of ch. 468, F.S.;
15 amending s. 1012.46, F.S.; deleting the
16 classification of first responder in a school
17 district's athletic injuries prevention and
18 treatment program; requiring that an athletic
19 trainer employed by a school district be
20 licensed as an athletic trainer; deleting a
21 requirement that such person possess certain
22 certification as an educator; providing an
23 effective date.

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

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

29 468.707 Licensure by examination; requirements.--
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1 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an athletic
2 trainer shall apply to the department on a form approved by
3 the department.

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

5 (a)1- Has completed the application form and remitted
6 the required fees.

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

8 (c)3- Has obtained a baccalaureate degree from a
9 college or university accredited by an accrediting agency
10 recognized and approved by the United States Department of
11 Education or the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary
12 Accreditation, or approved by the board.

13 (d)4- Has completed an approved athletic training
14 curriculum ~~coursework~~ from a college or university accredited
15 by an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United
16 States Department of Education or the Commission on
17 Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, or approved by the
18 board, ~~in each of the following areas, as provided by rule:~~
19 ~~health, human anatomy, kinesiology/biomechanics, human~~
20 ~~physiology, physiology of exercise, basic athletic training,~~
21 ~~and advanced athletic training.~~

22 (e)5- Has current certification in ~~standard first aid~~
23 ~~and~~ cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation from the American
24 Red Cross or an equivalent certification as determined by the
25 board.

26 ~~6. Has, within 2 of the preceding 5 years, attained a~~
27 ~~minimum of 800 hours of athletic training experience under the~~
28 ~~direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer or an~~
29 ~~athletic trainer certified by the National Athletic Trainers'~~
30 ~~Association or a comparable national athletic standards~~
31 ~~organization.~~

1 ~~(f)7.~~ Has passed an examination administered or
2 approved by the board.

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

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

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

8 3. ~~Has current certification in standard first aid and~~
9 ~~cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation from the American Red~~
10 ~~Cross or an equivalent certification as determined by the~~
11 ~~board.~~

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

14 b. ~~Is currently certified by the National Athletic~~
15 ~~Trainers' Association or a comparable national athletic~~
16 ~~standards organization.~~

17 Section 2. Section 468.711, Florida Statutes, is
18 amended to read:

19 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.--

20 (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt
21 of the renewal application and fee, provided the applicant is
22 in compliance with the provisions of this part, chapter 456,
23 and rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

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

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1 (3) Pursuant to the requirements of s. 456.034, each
2 licensee shall complete a continuing education course on human
3 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome
4 as part of biennial relicensure.

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

7 468.717 Violations and penalties.--Each of the
8 following acts constitutes a misdemeanor of the first degree,
9 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083:

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

12 Section 4. Section 468.723, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 468.723 Exemptions.--~~Nothing in~~ This part does not
15 prevent or restrict ~~shall be construed as preventing or~~
16 ~~restricting~~:

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

19 (2) An athletic training ~~A student athletic trainer~~
20 acting under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic
21 trainer.

22 ~~(3) A person employed as a teacher apprentice trainer~~
23 ~~I, a teacher apprentice trainer II, or a teacher athletic~~
24 ~~trainer under s. 1012.46.~~

25 (3)(4) A person from administering standard first aid
26 treatment to an athlete.

27 (4)(5) A person licensed under chapter 548, provided
28 such person is acting within the scope of such license.

29 (5)(6) A person providing personal training
30 instruction for exercise, aerobics, or weightlifting, if the
31 person does not represent himself or herself as able to

1 provide "athletic trainer" services and if any recognition or
2 treatment of injuries is limited to the provision of first
3 aid.

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

6 1012.46 Athletic trainers.--

7 (1) School districts may establish and implement an
8 athletic injuries prevention and treatment program. Central to
9 this program should be the employment and availability of
10 persons trained in the prevention and treatment of physical
11 injuries that ~~which~~ may occur during athletic activities. The
12 program should reflect opportunities for progressive
13 advancement and compensation in employment as provided in
14 subsection (2) and meet certain other minimum standards
15 developed by the Department of Education. The goal of the
16 Legislature is to have school districts employ and have
17 available a full-time ~~teacher~~ athletic trainer in each high
18 school in the state.

19 ~~(2) To the extent practicable, a school district~~
20 ~~program should include the following employment classification~~
21 ~~and advancement scheme:~~

22 ~~(a) First responder. To qualify as a first responder,~~
23 ~~a person must possess a professional, temporary, part time,~~
24 ~~adjunct, or substitute certificate pursuant to s. 1012.56, be~~
25 ~~certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and~~
26 ~~have 15 semester hours in courses such as care and prevention~~
27 ~~of athletic injuries, anatomy, physiology, nutrition,~~
28 ~~counseling, and other similar courses approved by the~~
29 ~~Commissioner of Education. This person may only administer~~
30 ~~first aid and similar care.~~

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~~(2)(b) Teacher athletic trainer.~~ To qualify as an a
~~teacher~~ athletic trainer, a person must be licensed as
required by part XIII of chapter 468 and may possess a
professional, temporary, part-time, adjunct, or substitute
certificate pursuant to s. 1012.35, s. 1012.56~~4~~ or s. 1012.57~~7~~
~~and be licensed as required by part XIII of chapter 468.~~

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