

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 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. 468.723, F.S.; providing that a  
 8           person employed as an apprentice trainer or  
 9           athletic trainer is not exempt from part XIII  
 10          of ch. 468, F.S.; amending s. 1012.46, F.S.;  
 11          deleting the classification of first responder  
 12          in a school district's athletic injuries  
 13          prevention and treatment program; requiring  
 14          that an athletic trainer employed by a school  
 15          district be licensed as an athletic trainer;  
 16          deleting a requirement that such person possess  
 17          certain certification as an educator; providing  
 18          an effective date.

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

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

24           468.707 Licensure by examination; requirements.--

25           (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as an athletic  
 26 trainer shall apply to the department on a form approved by  
 27 the department.

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

29           (a)1- Has completed the application form and remitted  
 30 the required fees.

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

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

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

15           ~~(e)5-~~ Has current certification in ~~standard first aid~~  
 16 ~~and~~ cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation from the American  
 17 Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or an equivalent  
 18 certification as determined by the board.

19           ~~6-~~ ~~Has, within 2 of the preceding 5 years, attained a~~  
 20 ~~minimum of 800 hours of athletic training experience under the~~  
 21 ~~direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer or an~~  
 22 ~~athletic trainer certified by the National Athletic Trainers'~~  
 23 ~~Association or a comparable national athletic standards~~  
 24 ~~organization.~~

25           ~~(f)7-~~ Has passed an examination administered or  
 26 approved by the board.

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

29           ~~1-~~ ~~Has completed the application form and remitted the~~  
 30 ~~required fees no later than October 1, 1996.~~

31           ~~2-~~ ~~Is at least 21 years of age.~~

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

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

7           ~~b. Is currently certified by the National Athletic~~  
 8 ~~Trainers' Association or a comparable national athletic~~  
 9 ~~standards organization.~~

10           Section 2. Section 468.711, Florida Statutes, is  
 11 amended to read:

12           468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.--

13           (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt  
 14 of the renewal application and fee, provided the applicant is  
 15 in compliance with the provisions of this section part,  
 16 chapter 456, and rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

17           (2) The board may, by rule, prescribe continuing  
 18 education requirements, not to exceed 24 hours biennially.  
 19 The criteria for continuing education shall be approved by the  
 20 board and shall include a current certificate in ~~include 4~~  
 21 ~~hours in standard first aid and~~ cardiovascular pulmonary  
 22 resuscitation from the American Red Cross or equivalent  
 23 training as determined by the board.

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

28           Section 3. Section 468.723, Florida Statutes, is  
 29 amended to read:

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1           468.723 Exemptions.--~~Nothing in~~ This part does not  
 2 prevent or restrict ~~shall be construed as preventing or~~  
 3 ~~restricting~~:

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

6           (2) An athletic training ~~A student athletic trainer~~  
 7 acting under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic  
 8 trainer.

9           ~~(3) A person employed as a teacher apprentice trainer~~  
 10 ~~I, a teacher apprentice trainer II, or a teacher athletic~~  
 11 ~~trainer under s. 1012.46.~~

12           ~~(3)(4)~~ A person from administering standard first aid  
 13 treatment to an athlete.

14           ~~(4)(5)~~ A person licensed under chapter 548, provided  
 15 such person is acting within the scope of such license.

16           ~~(5)(6)~~ A person providing personal training  
 17 instruction for exercise, aerobics, or weightlifting, if the  
 18 person does not represent himself or herself as able to  
 19 provide "athletic trainer" services and if any recognition or  
 20 treatment of injuries is limited to the provision of first  
 21 aid.

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

24           1012.46 Athletic trainers.--

25           (1) School districts may establish and implement an  
 26 athletic injuries prevention and treatment program. Central to  
 27 this program should be the employment and availability of  
 28 persons trained in the prevention and treatment of physical  
 29 injuries that ~~which~~ may occur during athletic activities. The  
 30 program should reflect opportunities for progressive  
 31 advancement and compensation in employment as provided in

1 subsection (2) and meet certain other minimum standards  
2 developed by the Department of Education. The goal of the  
3 Legislature is to have school districts employ and have  
4 available a full-time ~~teacher~~ athletic trainer in each high  
5 school in the state.

6 ~~(2) To the extent practicable, a school district~~  
7 ~~program should include the following employment classification~~  
8 ~~and advancement scheme:~~

9 ~~(a) First responder. To qualify as a first responder,~~  
10 ~~a person must possess a professional, temporary, part time,~~  
11 ~~adjunct, or substitute certificate pursuant to s. 1012.56, be~~  
12 ~~certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and~~  
13 ~~have 15 semester hours in courses such as care and prevention~~  
14 ~~of athletic injuries, anatomy, physiology, nutrition,~~  
15 ~~counseling, and other similar courses approved by the~~  
16 ~~Commissioner of Education. This person may only administer~~  
17 ~~first aid and similar care.~~

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

24 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
25 law.