

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; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; revising the
9 criteria for continuing education in athletic training;
10 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; providing that a person
11 employed as an apprentice trainer or athletic trainer is
12 not exempt from part XIII of ch. 468, F.S.; amending s.
13 1012.46, F.S.; deleting the classification of first
14 responder in a school district's athletic injuries
15 prevention and treatment program; requiring that an
16 athletic trainer employed by a school district be licensed
17 as an athletic trainer; deleting a requirement that such
18 person possess certain certification as an educator;
19 providing an effective date.

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

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

25 468.707 Licensure by examination; requirements.--

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

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

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

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

33 (c)3- Has obtained a baccalaureate degree from a college
34 or university accredited by an accrediting agency recognized and
35 approved by the United States Department of Education or the
36 Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, or
37 approved by the board.

38 (d)4- Has completed an approved athletic training
39 curriculum coursework from a college or university accredited by
40 an accrediting agency recognized and approved by the United
41 States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition
42 of Postsecondary Accreditation, or approved by the board, ~~in~~
43 ~~each of the following areas, as provided by rule: health, human~~
44 ~~anatomy, kinesiology/biomechanics, human physiology, physiology~~
45 ~~of exercise, basic athletic training, and advanced athletic~~
46 ~~training.~~

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

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51 ~~6. Has, within 2 of the preceding 5 years, attained a~~
 52 ~~minimum of 800 hours of athletic training experience under the~~
 53 ~~direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer or an athletic~~
 54 ~~trainer certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association~~
 55 ~~or a comparable national athletic standards organization.~~

56 (f)7. Has passed an examination administered or approved
 57 by the board.

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

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

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

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

65 ~~4.a. Has practiced athletic training for at least 3 of the~~
 66 ~~5 years preceding application; or~~

67 ~~b. Is currently certified by the National Athletic~~
 68 ~~Trainers' Association or a comparable national athletic~~
 69 ~~standards organization.~~

70 Section 2. Section 468.711, Florida Statutes, is amended
 71 to read:

72 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.--

73 (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of
 74 the renewal application and fee, provided the applicant is in
 75 compliance with the provisions of this section ~~part~~, chapter
 76 456, and rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

77 (2) The board may, by rule, prescribe continuing education
 78 requirements, not to exceed 24 hours biennially. The criteria

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79 | for continuing education shall be approved by the board and
 80 | shall include a current certificate in ~~include 4 hours in~~
 81 | ~~standard first aid and~~ cardiovascular pulmonary resuscitation
 82 | from the American Red Cross or equivalent training as determined
 83 | by the board.

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

88 | Section 3. Section 468.723, Florida Statutes, is amended
 89 | to read:

90 | 468.723 Exemptions.--~~Nothing in~~ This part does not prevent
 91 | or restrict ~~shall be construed as preventing or restricting:~~

92 | (1) The professional practice of a licensee of the
 93 | department who is acting within the scope of such practice.

94 | (2) An athletic training ~~A student athletic trainer~~ acting
 95 | under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.

96 | ~~(3) A person employed as a teacher apprentice trainer I, a~~
 97 | ~~teacher apprentice trainer II, or a teacher athletic trainer~~
 98 | ~~under s. 1012.46.~~

99 | ~~(3)(4)~~ (4) A person from administering standard first aid
 100 | treatment to an athlete.

101 | ~~(4)(5)~~ (5) A person licensed under chapter 548, provided such
 102 | person is acting within the scope of such license.

103 | ~~(5)(6)~~ (6) A person providing personal training instruction
 104 | for exercise, aerobics, or weightlifting, if the person does not
 105 | represent himself or herself as able to provide "athletic

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106 | trainer" services and if any recognition or treatment of
107 | injuries is limited to the provision of first aid.

108 | Section 4. Section 1012.46, Florida Statutes, is amended
109 | to read:

110 | 1012.46 Athletic trainers.--

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

122 | ~~(2) To the extent practicable, a school district program~~
123 | ~~should include the following employment classification and~~
124 | ~~advancement scheme.~~

125 | ~~(a) First responder. To qualify as a first responder, a~~
126 | ~~person must possess a professional, temporary, part time,~~
127 | ~~adjunct, or substitute certificate pursuant to s. 1012.56, be~~
128 | ~~certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and have~~
129 | ~~15 semester hours in courses such as care and prevention of~~
130 | ~~athletic injuries, anatomy, physiology, nutrition, counseling,~~
131 | ~~and other similar courses approved by the Commissioner of~~
132 | ~~Education. This person may only administer first aid and similar~~
133 | ~~care.~~

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

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