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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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Senator Ring moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (7), (8), and (9) of section
468.701, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8),
(9), and (10), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added
to that section, to read:

468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
(7) "Board of Certification" means the only nationally
accredited certifying body for athletic trainers.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 468.703, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:



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14 468.703 Board of Athletic Training.-

15 (2) Five members of the board must be licensed athletic
16 trainers, certified by the Board of Certification or its
17 successor agency. One member of the board must be a physician
18 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459. One member of the
19 board must be a physician licensed under chapter 460. Two
20 members of the board shall be consumer members, each of whom
21 must be a resident of this state who has never worked as an
22 athletic trainer, who has no financial interest in the practice
23 of athletic training, and who has never been a licensed health
24 care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001(4).

25 Section 3. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to
26 read:

27 468.707 Licensure by examination; requirements.-

28 ~~(1)~~ Any person desiring to be licensed as an athletic
29 trainer shall apply to the department on a form approved by the
30 department. The department shall license each applicant who:

31 (1) ~~(a)~~ Has completed the application form and remitted the
32 required fees.

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

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

40 (4) ~~(d)~~ If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, has
41 completed an approved athletic training curriculum from a
42 college or university accredited by a program recognized by the



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43 Board of Certification or its successor agency ~~an accrediting~~
44 ~~agency recognized and approved by the United States Department~~
45 ~~of Education or the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary~~
46 ~~Accreditation, or approved by the board.~~

47 (5)(e) Has current certification in cardiovascular
48 pulmonary resuscitation with an automated external defibrillator
49 (AED) from the American Red Cross or^r the American Heart
50 Association, or an equivalent certification as determined by the
51 board.

52 (6)(f) Has passed the Board of Certification's or its
53 successor agency's an examination and is certified by that
54 entity administered or approved by the board.

55 ~~(2) Pursuant to the requirements of s. 456.034, each~~
56 ~~applicant shall complete a continuing education course on human~~
57 ~~immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome~~
58 ~~as part of initial licensure.~~

59 Section 4. Section 468.711, Florida Statutes, is amended to
60 read:

61 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.—

62 (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of
63 the renewal application and fee, if provided the applicant is in
64 compliance with the provisions of this section, chapter 456, and
65 rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

66 (2) The board may, by rule, prescribe continuing education
67 requirements, not to exceed 24 hours biennially. The criteria
68 for continuing education shall be approved by the board and must
69 ~~shall~~ include a current certificate in cardiovascular pulmonary
70 resuscitation with AED from the American Red Cross or the
71 American Heart Association or an equivalent training as



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72 determined by the board.

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

77 (4) The licensee must be currently certified by the Board
78 of Certification or its successor agency.

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

81 1012.46 Athletic trainers.—

82 (1) School districts may establish and implement an
83 athletic injuries prevention and treatment program. Central to
84 this program should be the ~~employment and~~ availability of
85 licensed athletic trainers who are certified by the Board of
86 Certification of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and
87 ~~persons~~ trained in the prevention and treatment of physical
88 injuries that may occur during athletic activities. ~~The program~~
89 ~~should reflect opportunities for progressive advancement and~~
90 ~~compensation in employment as provided in subsection (2) and~~
91 ~~meet certain other minimum standards developed by the Department~~
92 ~~of Education.~~ The goal of the Legislature is to have school
93 districts in the state employ or contract with and have
94 ~~available~~ a certified full-time athletic trainer for ~~in~~ each
95 high school that participates in sports in the state.

96 (2) To qualify as an athletic trainer, a person must be
97 certified by the Board of Certification and licensed as required
98 by part XIII of chapter 468 and may possess a professional,
99 temporary, part-time, adjunct, or substitute certificate
100 pursuant to s. 1012.35, s. 1012.56, or s. 1012.57.



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101 (3) In a civil action against a school district for the
102 death of, or injury or damage to, an individual which was
103 allegedly caused by the negligence of an athletic trainer and
104 which relates to the treatment of a sports injury by the
105 athletic trainer, there is a rebuttable presumption that the
106 school district was not negligent in employing the athletic
107 trainer if the school district made a good faith effort to
108 comply with the provisions of this section before such
109 employment.

110 (4) It is the intent of this section to create and ensure a
111 designated standard of care for the recognition, prevention, and
112 rehabilitative treatment of high school athletic injuries in
113 this state. To ensure compliance with this standard of care, the
114 management and implementation of this program should be
115 administered by entities that have the ability to work with
116 local facilities and school districts to coordinate the
117 training, development, and placement of licensed athletic
118 trainers who are certified by the Board of Certification.

119 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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121 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

122 And the title is amended as follows:

123 Delete everything before the enacting clause
124 and insert:

125 A bill to be entitled
126 An act relating to high school athletic trainers;
127 amending s. 468.701, F.S.; providing a definition;
128 amending s. 468.703, F.S.; revising membership
129 requirements for the Board of Athletic Training;



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130 amending s. 468.707, F.S.; revising requirements for
131 licensure by examination for athletic trainers;
132 amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring certification
133 requirements for license renewal; revising continuing
134 education requirements for licensure renewal; amending
135 s. 1012.46, F.S.; encouraging school districts to
136 employ or contract with certified athletic trainers at
137 certain high schools in this state; requiring athletic
138 trainers to be certified by the Board of Certification
139 of the National Athletic Trainers' Association;
140 providing a rebuttable presumption that a school
141 district is not negligent in employing an athletic
142 trainer for purposes of a civil action for negligence
143 against the athletic trainer if the school district
144 made a good faith effort to comply with the act;
145 providing legislative intent; providing an effective
146 date.