

CS/CS/HB 831

2011

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to high school athletic trainers;
3 requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to
4 conduct a study related to the need for athletic trainers
5 in certain high schools and to submit the study's findings
6 to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. The Florida High School Athletic Association
12 shall conduct a study to evaluate the need for athletic trainers
13 in each high school in the state that participates in athletics.
14 The association shall consult with school districts, medical
15 professionals, and the Department of Health to consider the
16 need, cost, and availability of hiring an athletic trainer for
17 each high school that participates in athletics. The study shall
18 include, at a minimum, data related to the number of schools
19 that currently employ an athletic trainer, the sports supervised
20 by an athletic trainer, and the injury rates for those sports
21 supervised by an athletic trainer compared to the injury rates
22 for the same sports not supervised by an athletic trainer. For
23 purposes of this study, "high school" includes grades 6 through
24 12. The association shall submit its findings to the Governor,
25 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
26 Representatives by December 1, 2011.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.