1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s. 3 468.701, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "athletic trainer"; deleting a requirement that is 4 5 relocated to another section; amending s. 468.707, 6 F.S.; revising athletic trainer licensure 7 requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring 8 certain licensees to maintain certification in good 9 standing without lapse as a condition of renewal of their athletic trainer licenses; amending s. 468.713, 10 11 F.S.; requiring that an athletic trainer work within a 12 specified scope of practice; relocating an existing requirement that was stricken from another section; 13 14 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct supervision of an athletic training student to be in 15 16 accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic 17 Training; providing an effective date. 18 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 20 21 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida 22 Statutes, is amended to read: 23 468.701 Definitions.-As used in this part, the term: "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this 24 (1)25 part who has met the requirements of under this part, including Page 1 of 5

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the education requirements established as set forth by the 26 27 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or 28 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the Board of Certification. An individual who is licensed as an 29 30 athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that 31 32 he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to 33 provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from 34 providing. 35 Section 2. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended 36 to read: 37 468.707 Licensure requirements.-Any person desiring to be 38 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on 39 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board, 40 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The 41 42 department shall license each applicant who:

43 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the44 required fees.

45 (2) For a person who applies on or after July 1, 2016, Has
46 submitted to background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135. The
47 board may require a background screening for an applicant whose
48 license has expired or who is undergoing disciplinary action.

(3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's
 50 baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university

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51	professional athletic training degree program accredited by the
52	Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or
53	its successor organization recognized and approved by the United
54	States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition
55	of Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or
56	recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the
57	national examination to be certified by the Board of
58	Certification <u>; or</u> -
59	(b) (4) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree,
60	has completed the Board of Certification internship
61	requirements, and holds If graduated before 2004, has a current
62	certification from the Board of Certification.
63	(4)(5) Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary
64	resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator
65	set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined
66	by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.
67	(5)(6) Has completed any other requirements as determined
68	by the department and approved by the board.
69	Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida
70	Statutes, is amended to read:
71	468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education
72	(3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the
73	licensee must be currently certified by the Board of
74	Certification or its successor agency and maintain that
75	certification in good standing without lapse.

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76	Section 4. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended
77	to read:
78	468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers
79	(1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction
80	of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter
81	460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice
82	medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction
83	through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed
84	appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and
85	care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide
86	service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.
87	(2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her
88	allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.
89	468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,
90	or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or
91	services that he or she lacks the education, training, or
92	experience to provide or that he or she is otherwise prohibited
93	by law from providing.
94	Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida
95	Statutes, is amended to read:
96	468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not <u>prohibit</u> prevent or
97	restrict:
98	(2) An athletic training student acting under the direct
99	supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this
100	subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of

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101	an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately
102	available to the athletic training student and able to intervene
103	on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must
104	comply with board rule in accordance with the standards set
105	forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training
106	Education or its successor.
107	Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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