

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 541 — Athletic Trainers

by Health Quality Subcommittee; and Rep. Plasencia and others (CS/SB 1526 by Health Policy Committee and Senator Legg)

The bill updates the regulation of athletic trainers. The bill authorizes the practice of athletic training, under the direction of a physician, which is communicated through an oral or written prescription or protocols rather than only pursuant to a protocol with a supervising physician. An allopathic, osteopathic, or chiropractic physician will make the determination as to the appropriate method for communicating his or her direction for the provision of services and care by the athletic trainer. The board of athletic training is directed to adopt rules pertaining to mandatory requirements and guidelines for the communication.

The bill revises the legislative intent relating to athletic trainers, updates definitions, and revises the requirements for licensure as an athletic trainer. Applicants must pass the national examination to be certified by the Board of Certification. Background screening requirements for new applicants, applicants whose licenses have expired, and licensees undergoing disciplinary action go into effect on July 1, 2016.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 115-0