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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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The Committee on Health Policy (Harrell) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 468.701, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this  
part who has met the requirements of ~~under~~ this part, including  
the education requirements established ~~as set forth~~ by the



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11 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or  
12 its successor organization and necessary credentials from the  
13 Board of Certification. ~~An individual who is licensed as an  
14 athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide, or represent  
15 that he or she is qualified to provide any care or services that  
16 he or she lacks the education, training, or experience to  
17 provide, or that he or she is otherwise prohibited by law from  
18 providing.~~

19 Section 2. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
20 read:

21 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be  
22 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on  
23 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also  
24 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board,  
25 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The  
26 department shall license each applicant who:

27 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the  
28 required fees.

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

33 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's  
34 ~~baccalaureate or higher~~ degree from a college or university  
35 professional athletic training degree program accredited by the  
36 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or  
37 its successor organization recognized and approved by the United  
38 States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition  
39 of Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or



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40 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the  
41 national examination to be certified by the Board of  
42 Certification; or-

43 (b)(4) Has obtained, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree, has  
44 completed the Board of Certification internship requirements,  
45 and holds ~~If graduated before 2004, has~~ a current certification  
46 from the Board of Certification.

47 (4)(5) Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary  
48 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator  
49 set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined  
50 by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.

51 (5)(6) Has completed any other requirements as determined  
52 by the department and approved by the board.

53 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.711, Florida  
54 Statutes, is amended to read:

55 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.-

56 (3) If initially licensed after January 1, 1998, the  
57 licensee must be currently certified by the Board of  
58 Certification or its successor agency and maintain that  
59 certification in good standing without lapse.

60 Section 4. Section 468.713, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
61 read:

62 468.713 Responsibilities of athletic trainers.-

63 (1) An athletic trainer shall practice under the direction  
64 of a physician licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter  
65 460, or otherwise authorized by Florida law to practice  
66 medicine. The physician shall communicate his or her direction  
67 through oral or written prescriptions or protocols as deemed  
68 appropriate by the physician for the provision of services and



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69 care by the athletic trainer. An athletic trainer shall provide  
70 service or care in the manner dictated by the physician.

71 (2) An athletic trainer shall work within his or her  
72 allowable scope of practice as specified in board rule under s.  
73 468.705. An athletic trainer may not provide, offer to provide,  
74 or represent that he or she is qualified to provide any care or  
75 services that he or she lacks the education, training, or  
76 experience to provide or that he or she is otherwise prohibited  
77 by law from providing.

78 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 468.723, Florida  
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prohibit ~~prevent~~ or  
81 restrict:

82 (2) An athletic training student acting under the direct  
83 supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. For purposes of this  
84 subsection, "direct supervision" means the physical presence of  
85 an athletic trainer so that the athletic trainer is immediately  
86 available to the athletic training student and able to intervene  
87 on behalf of the athletic training student. The supervision must  
88 comply with board rule ~~in accordance with the standards set~~  
89 ~~forth by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training~~  
90 ~~Education or its successor.~~

91 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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

94 And the title is amended as follows:

95 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
96 and insert:

97 A bill to be entitled



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98 An act relating to athletic trainers; amending s.  
99 468.701, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
100 "athletic trainer"; deleting a requirement that is  
101 relocated to another section; amending s. 468.707,  
102 F.S.; revising athletic trainer licensure  
103 requirements; amending s. 468.711, F.S.; requiring  
104 certain licensees to maintain certification in good  
105 standing without lapse as a condition of renewal of  
106 their athletic trainer licenses; amending s. 468.713,  
107 F.S.; requiring that an athletic trainer work within a  
108 specified scope of practice; relocating an existing  
109 requirement that was stricken from another section;  
110 amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring the direct  
111 supervision of an athletic training student to be in  
112 accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Athletic  
113 Training; providing an effective date.