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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
4 "athletic trainer"; amending s. 468.707, F.S.;
5 revising athletic trainer licensure requirements;
6 amending s. 468.711, F.S.; revising continuing
7 education requirements for the renewal of an athletic
8 trainer license; amending s. 468.723, F.S.; requiring
9 that the supervision of an athletic training student
10 meet certain requirements; specifying that certain
11 provisions do not prohibit emergency care
12 administration or third-party payor reimbursement;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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

19 468.701 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

20 (1) "Athletic trainer" means a person licensed under this
21 part who has met the requirements of ~~under~~ this part, including
22 education requirements as set forth by the Commission on
23 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor
24 organization and necessary credentials from the Board of
25 Certification. An athletic trainer shall practice within his or
26 her scope of practice as established in the rules adopted by the
27 board. An individual who is licensed as an athletic trainer may
28 not provide, offer to provide, or represent that he or she is
29 qualified to provide any care or services beyond his or her

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30 scope of practice, which ~~that~~ he or she lacks the education,
31 training, or experience to provide, or which ~~that~~ he or she is
32 otherwise prohibited by law from providing.

33 Section 2. Section 468.707, Florida Statutes, is amended to
34 read:

35 468.707 Licensure requirements.—Any person desiring to be
36 licensed as an athletic trainer shall apply to the department on
37 a form approved by the department. An applicant shall also
38 provide records or other evidence, as determined by the board,
39 to prove he or she has met the requirements of this section. The
40 department shall license each applicant who:

41 (1) Has completed the application form and remitted the
42 required fees.

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

47 (3) (a) Has obtained, at a minimum, a baccalaureate ~~or~~
48 ~~higher~~ degree from a college or university professional athletic
49 training degree program accredited by the Commission on
50 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education or its successor
51 organization recognized and approved by the United States
52 Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition of
53 Postsecondary Accreditation, approved by the board, or
54 recognized by the Board of Certification, and has passed the
55 national examination to be certified by the Board of
56 Certification; ~~or-~~

57 (b) (4) ~~If graduated before 2004,~~ Has obtained, at a
58 minimum, a bachelor's degree, has completed the route of

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59 internship requirements recognized by the Board of
60 Certification, and has a current certification from the Board of
61 Certification.

62 (4)~~(5)~~ Has current certification in both cardiopulmonary
63 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator
64 set forth in the continuing education requirements as determined
65 by the board pursuant to s. 468.711.

66 (5)~~(6)~~ Has completed any other requirements as determined
67 by the department and approved by the board.

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

70 468.711 Renewal of license; continuing education.—

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

75 Section 4. Subsections (2), (3), and (6) of section
76 468.723, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

77 468.723 Exemptions.—This part does not prevent or restrict:

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

87 (3) A person from administering standard first aid

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88 treatment or emergency care to another person.

89 (6) Third-party payors from reimbursing employers of
90 athletic trainers or individuals licensed to practice under this
91 chapter for covered services rendered by a licensed athletic
92 trainer.

93 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.