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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4755.60 and 4755.62 and to enact 1  
section 4755.621 of the Revised Code regarding 2  
the practice of athletic training. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 4755.60 and 4755.62 be amended 4  
and section 4755.621 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 5  
follows: 6

**Sec. 4755.60.** As used in sections 4755.60 to 4755.65 and 7  
4755.99 of the Revised Code: 8

(A) "Athletic training" means the practice of all of the 9  
following: 10

(1) The prevention, recognition, and assessment of an 11  
athletic injury and the examination, and athletic training 12  
diagnosis of injuries or conditions resulting from physical 13  
activities that require physical skill and utilize strength, 14  
power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion, or 15  
agility; 16

(2) The complete management, treatment, disposition, and 17

reconditioning of ~~acute athletic injuries upon the referral of~~ 18  
~~an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code~~ 19  
~~to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and~~ 20  
~~surgery, or podiatry, a dentist licensed under Chapter 4715. of~~ 21  
~~the Revised Code, a physical therapist licensed under this~~ 22  
~~chapter, or a chiropractor licensed under Chapter 4734. of the~~ 23  
~~Revised Code. Athletic training includes the or conditions~~ 24  
resulting from physical activities; 25

(3) The provision of emergent care, therapeutic 26  
interventions, and rehabilitation for injuries or conditions 27  
resulting from physical activities; 28

(4) The promotion of and education about wellness; 29

(5) The administration of ~~topical~~ drugs that have been 30  
prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to 31  
prescribe drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised 32  
Code. ~~Athletic training also includes the, and are administered~~ 33  
under the direction of the prescriber; 34

(5) The organization and administration of educational 35  
programs and athletic training facilities, ~~and the;~~ 36

(6) The performance of athletic training research; 37

(7) The education of and consulting with the public as it 38  
pertains to athletic training. 39

(B) "Athletic trainer" means a person who meets the 40  
qualifications of this chapter for licensure and who ~~is employed~~ 41  
~~by an educational institution, professional or amateur~~ 42  
~~organization, athletic facility, or health care facility to~~ 43  
practice engages in the practice of athletic training consistent 44  
with the person's education and training. 45

(C) ~~"The national athletic trainers association, inc."~~ 46  
~~means the national professional organization of athletic~~ 47  
~~trainers that provides direction and leadership for quality~~ 48  
~~athletic training practice, education, and research.~~ 49  
Athletic  
training diagnosis" means the judgment made after examining, 50  
evaluating, assessing, or interpreting symptoms presented by a 51  
patient to establish the cause and nature of the patient's 52  
injury, condition, or functional impairment and the plan of care 53  
for that injury, condition, or impairment within the scope of 54  
athletic training. "Athletic training diagnosis" does not 55  
include a medical diagnosis. 56

(D) ~~"Athletic injury" means any injury sustained by an~~ 57  
~~individual that affects the individual's participation or~~ 58  
~~performance in sports, games, recreation, exercise, or other~~ 59  
~~activity that requires physical strength, agility, flexibility,~~ 60  
~~speed, stamina, or range of motion.~~ 61  
Collaboration agreement" is an 62  
agreement that satisfies the requirements of section 4755.621 of 63  
the Revised Code. 63

**Sec. 4755.62.** (A) No person shall claim to the public to 64  
be an athletic trainer or imply by words, actions, or letters 65  
that the person is an athletic trainer, or otherwise engage in 66  
the practice of athletic training, unless the person is licensed 67  
as an athletic trainer pursuant to this chapter. 68

(B) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of 69  
section 4755.65 of the Revised Code, no educational institution, 70  
partnership, association, or corporation shall advertise or 71  
otherwise offer to provide or convey the impression that it is 72  
providing athletic training unless an individual licensed as an 73  
athletic trainer pursuant to this chapter is employed by, or 74  
under contract to, the educational institution, partnership, 75

association, or corporation and will be performing the athletic 76  
training services to which reference is made. 77

(C) To qualify for an athletic trainers license, a person 78  
shall: 79

(1) Have satisfactorily completed an application for 80  
licensure in accordance with rules adopted by the athletic 81  
trainers section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical 82  
therapy, and athletic trainers board under section 4755.61 of 83  
the Revised Code; 84

(2) Have paid the examination fee required under this 85  
section; 86

(3) Be of good moral character; 87

(4) Have shown, to the satisfaction of the athletic 88  
trainers section, that the applicant has received a 89  
baccalaureate or higher degree from an institution of higher 90  
education, approved by the athletic trainers section of the 91  
board and the federal regional accreditation agency and 92  
recognized by the council on postsecondary accreditation, and 93  
has satisfactorily completed the educational course work 94  
requirements established by rule of the athletic trainers 95  
section under section 4755.61 of the Revised Code. 96

(5) In addition to educational course work requirements, 97  
have obtained supervised clinical experience that meets the 98  
requirements established in rules adopted by the athletic 99  
trainers section under section 4755.61 of the Revised Code; 100

(6) Have passed an examination adopted by the athletic 101  
trainers section under division (A) (8) of section 4755.61 of the 102  
Revised Code. Each applicant for licensure shall pay, at the 103  
time of application, the nonrefundable examination fee set by 104

the athletic trainers section. 105

(D) The section may waive the requirements of division (C) 106  
of this section for any applicant who presents proof of current 107  
licensure in another state whose standards for licensure, as 108  
determined by the section, are equal to or greater than those in 109  
effect in this state on the date of application. 110

(E) The section shall issue a license to every applicant 111  
who complies with the requirements of division (C) of this 112  
section, files the required application form, and pays the fees 113  
required by section 4755.61 of the Revised Code. ~~A Each licensee~~ 114  
shall display the licensee's license in a conspicuous place at 115  
the licensee's principal place of employment. 116

A license issued under this section entitles the holder to 117  
engage in the practice of athletic training, claim to the public 118  
to be an athletic trainer, or to imply by words or letters that 119  
the licensee is an athletic trainer. ~~Each licensee shall display~~ 120  
~~the licensee's license in a conspicuous place at the licensee's~~ 121  
~~principal place of employment~~A license issued under this section 122  
does not entitle the holder to provide, offer to provide, or 123  
represent that the holder is qualified to provide any care or 124  
services for which the holder lacks the education, training, or 125  
experience to provide or is prohibited by law from providing. 126

**Sec. 4755.621.** (A) As used in this section, "physician" 127  
means an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the 128  
Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic 129  
medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery. 130

(B)(1) A person licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant 131  
to this chapter shall engage in the practice of athletic 132  
training only if the person acts as follows: 133

<u>(a) Upon the referral of one or more of the following:</u>	134
<u>(i) A physician;</u>	135
<u>(ii) A dentist licensed under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code;</u>	136 137
<u>(iii) A physical therapist licensed under this chapter;</u>	138
<u>(iv) A chiropractor licensed under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code;</u>	139 140
<u>(v) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, an athletic trainer licensed under this chapter;</u>	141 142
<u>(vi) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4730. of the Revised Code;</u>	143 144
<u>(vii) A certified nurse practitioner licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.</u>	145 146
<u>(b) Pursuant to a collaboration agreement that satisfies the requirements of division (C) of this section.</u>	147 148
<u>(2) A person licensed as an athletic trainer may practice athletic training upon the referral of an athletic trainer described in division (B)(1)(a)(v) of this section only if the athletic training has already been recommended and referred by a health care provider described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section who is not an athletic trainer.</u>	149 150 151 152 153 154
<u>(C) A person licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to this chapter shall enter into a collaboration agreement with one or more physicians. The agreement shall be in writing and signed by the athletic trainer and each physician with whom the athletic trainer collaborates. A copy of the agreement shall be maintained in the records of the athletic trainer and each</u>	155 156 157 158 159 160

<u>collaborating physician. The agreement shall address all of the</u>	161
<u>following:</u>	162
<u>(1) The duties and responsibilities to be fulfilled by the</u>	163
<u>athletic trainer when engaging in the practice of athletic</u>	164
<u>training;</u>	165
<u>(2) Any limitations on the athletic trainer's practice of</u>	166
<u>athletic training;</u>	167
<u>(3) A plan of care for patients treated by the athletic</u>	168
<u>trainer.</u>	169
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing sections 4755.60 and 4755.62 of	170
the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	171