



Proponent Testimony – Senate Bill 320 (Roegner)
Athletic Trainers (AT) Licensure Compact
Senate Health Committee
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Good morning, Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Senate Health Committee. My name is Missy Anthony, and I am the executive director of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board. Please accept this testimony on behalf of the athletic trainers section of the board in support of Senate Bill 320, the athletic trainers' licensure compact.

The mission of the Ohio OTPTAT Board is to actively promote and protect the health of Ohioans through effective regulation of the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics. Supporting Senate Bill 320 will strengthen our collective responsibility to safeguard public health and safety by ensuring consistent standards across states, which addresses concerns about oversight and quality of care.

As with other licensing compacts, the AT Compact will expand the ability to work across state lines responsibly to benefit members of the military, their spouses, traveling athletic trainers, telehealth users, and others. The AT Compact will require that each applicant undergo an FBI background check. It will also enable participating member licensing boards to share critical information, ensuring safety and oversight to protect the public. As with other licensure compacts, athletic trainers practicing in Ohio must maintain their scope as defined in Ohio's codified laws and rules.

The Athletic Trainers Compact is among the newest for consideration. Drawing on Ohio's successful experience with physical and occupational therapy compacts, we are confident this legislation will yield similar benefits. We appreciate the efforts of the Council of State Governments and the Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers in crafting the language and incorporating valuable input from various groups. To date, Ohio has been joined by 10 additional states with pending AT Compact legislation.

There are many important use cases for a licensure compact in athletic training. While ATs are permitted to travel with their teams and work across state lines, this does not cover every situation that calls for mobility. Often, a college athlete who goes "home" to a different state for the summer may want to stay in touch with their AT, who is familiar with their sport, team, and injuries, to help with rehabilitation and recovery. Also, athletic

trainers often work at sports camps and pursue other opportunities during traditional “down” times at school, which may occur across state lines.

As I mentioned previously, the OTPTAT Board, with extensive experience with prior compacts, is well-positioned to implement this legislation efficiently and support its passage. We are prepared to address any challenges and ensure a smooth transition, giving the committee confidence in our readiness. I have included data to support the OTPTAT Board’s experience with compacts.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony, and I am available to answer any questions.

PT Compact statistics (as of 1/1/26):

- 37 states are actively issuing privileges
- Ohio went live with the PT compact in 2021
- Compact privileges for Ohio:
 - 458 PT compact privileges from 32 other states to work in Ohio
 - 86 PTA compact privileges from 21 other states to work in Ohio
 - Top 4 states: KY, TX, WV, IN
- Ohio license holders with privileges in other states
 - 1,046 PT privileges in 34 other states
 - 197 PTA privileges in 27 other states
 - Top 4 states: KY, WV, IN, NC

OT Compact statistics (as of 2/13/26):

- Three states actively issuing privileges (OH, WV, MN)
- Ohio went live with the OT Compact on 1/12/26
 - One compact privilege to work in Ohio
 - Seven compact privileges for Ohioans to work in WV/MN