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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT) will experience costs to participate in the Athletic Trainer Compact, including costs to process Compact privileges, investigate any complaints, and to update the eLicensing system. However, participating states can charge a fee to issue Compact privileges. As a result, total costs, as well as the amount of revenues received, will depend on the number of athletic trainers seeking a Compact privilege.

Detailed Analysis

The bill enters Ohio as a party to the Athletic Trainer Compact. The goal of the Compact is to expand access to care by allowing athletic trainers licensed in a member state to practice in other member states. The member state that issues a licensee's Compact-qualifying license has authority to impose adverse action against the license issued by that state. The bill authorizes adverse actions (administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action) against, and joint investigations of, licensees by member and remote states. Additionally, the bill requires a member state to submit a uniform data set to the Compact Commission regarding information about athletic trainers in the state. As a result, the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT), which licenses athletic trainers, would realize costs to process and regulate Compact privileges. If there are any criminal actions taken, there could be court costs. Additionally, OTPTAT will realize administrative costs to submit required information, to promulgate any rules, pay any required annual Compact assessments, and possibly to update information technology (e.g., the eLicensing system) or OTPTAT's website. OTPTAT will be required to select one commissioner to serve on the Compact Commission, which could also result in some costs.

Participating states may impose Compact privilege fees, which may help offset some costs. Costs, and the amount of revenue received, will depend on the number of athletic trainers seeking privileges. Under the Athletic Trainer Compact, active duty military members and their spouses cannot be required to pay any fees imposed by the Compact Commission. If a remote state chooses to charge a Compact privilege fee, it may choose to charge a reduced fee or no fee to an active military member and member's spouse.

The Compact becomes effective when seven states enact it into law.