

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 268

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS
IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE USE
OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
COACHES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC
ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE USE OF ATHLETIC
TRAINERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
COACHES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Uncodified Section 2(a)(2) of Act No. 1214 of the 2011 regular session of the 88th General Assembly as amended by Act No. 1177 of 2013, concerning the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic Training in Public Schools, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The pilot program grants shall be awarded before the ~~2013-~~
2014 2015-2016 school year in order to allow time for program participants to employ the athletic trainers.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Uncodified Section 2(e)(1) of Act No. 1214 of the 2011 regular session of the 88th General Assembly as amended by Act No. 1177 of 2013, concerning the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic Training in Public Schools, is amended to read as follows:



(1) Begin with the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year;

SECTION 3. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE - DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) There is created the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic Training in Public Schools.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following:

(1) Voting members:

(A) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;

(B) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

(C) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Chair of the House Committee on Education; and

(D) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by the Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor; and

(2) Nonvoting members:

(A) One (1) member from the Department of Career Education;

(B) One (1) member from the Department of Education;

(C) One (1) member from the Department of Higher Education;

(D) One (1) member from the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Association;

(E) One (1) member from the Arkansas School Nurses Association;

(F) One (1) member from the Arkansas Activities Association;

(G) One (1) member from the Arkansas Rural Education Association; and

(H) One (1) member from the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators.

(3) The director of each department or association under subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall designate a person in the department or association to serve on the task force.

(c)(1) A chair shall be selected by majority vote of all voting members in attendance at the first meeting of the task force, which shall be

held within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

(2) Only voting members of the task force are eligible to chair the task force.

(3) The chair shall exercise his or her vote only in the case of a tie vote.

(d) Meetings of the task force shall be held at least one (1) time every three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair or by petition by a majority of the voting members.

(e) The task force may solicit, accept, and expend gifts and grants.

(f) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

(g) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting business.

(h) Legislative members of the task force may receive reimbursement for expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim committees.

(i) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for transacting business of the task force.

(j) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the task force.

(k) The task force shall be abolished on December 31, 2016.

SECTION 4. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE - DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic Training in Public Schools shall:

(1) Study healthcare issues concerning secondary school student athletes;

(2) Evaluate the current athletic training curriculum and recommend changes to the athletic training curriculum;

(3) Monitor the standards of care for student athletes; and

(4) Explore funding opportunities for potential pilot programs.

(b) The task force shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than November 1, 2016.