



How Will the Bill Affect My Practice?

1. **Recognition that athletic training is a genuine profession.** The bill will prohibit anyone who is not registered from using the title 'Athletic Trainer', and will also prohibit anyone who is not registered from practicing as an athletic trainer. Volunteers and others may still provide basic first aid, but no one may practice the full scope of athletic training who is not appropriately educated, BOC certified, and registered with the state.
2. **Freedom to work in clinical settings.** Approximately 40% of athletic trainers currently work in clinical settings, such as sports medicine clinics. Under current law, these settings are not allowed, sometimes resulting in taking positions as 'aides' rather than as respected professionals.
3. **Updated requirements for practice.** Under current law, there is no requirement for BOC certification in order to practice. The new bill does require it.
4. **Updated scope of practice.** Current law is very restrictive in terms of what it allows athletic trainers to do in the course of their practice. The bill uses the educational competencies as adopted by [CATA/BOC] to establish what is allowed. This provides legal protection for providing services within the full scope of the education and training of athletic trainers.
5. **Identification and discipline for unethical practice.** Under the bill, athletic trainers who take advantage of their professional relationships for sexual exploitation, and those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol can be identified and prohibited from practice.