

1-1 By: Price (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 2495
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;
 1-3 May 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-18	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the requirements to obtain or renew an athletic trainer
 1-22 license.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 38.158(b) and (e), Education Code, are
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (b) The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation shall
 1-27 require ~~[approve for]~~ athletic trainers to obtain continuing
 1-28 education ~~[training courses]~~ in the subject matter of concussions
 1-29 ~~[and shall maintain an updated list of individuals and~~
 1-30 ~~organizations authorized by the board to provide the training].~~

1-31 (e) For purposes of Subsection (c):

1-32 (1) a coach must take a course described by Subsection
 1-33 (a);

1-34 (2) an athletic trainer must take ~~[+~~
 1-35 ~~[(A) a course described by Subsection (b); or~~
 1-36 ~~[(B)]~~ a course concerning the subject matter of
 1-37 concussions that meets the ~~[has been approved for]~~ continuing
 1-38 education requirements set ~~[credit]~~ by the Texas Department of
 1-39 Licensing and Regulation under Subsection (b) ~~[appropriate~~
 1-40 ~~licensing authority for the profession]; and~~

1-41 (3) a school nurse or licensed health care
 1-42 professional, other than an athletic trainer, must take:

1-43 (A) a course described by Subsection (a) or (b);
 1-44 or

1-45 (B) a course concerning the subject matter of
 1-46 concussions that has been approved for continuing education credit
 1-47 by the appropriate licensing authority for the profession.

1-48 SECTION 2. Section 451.101(a-1), Occupations Code, is
 1-49 amended to read as follows:

1-50 (a-1) The department shall:

1-51 (1) ~~[adopt an official seal,~~
 1-52 ~~[(2)]~~ prescribe the application form for a license
 1-53 applicant;

1-54 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ prescribe a suitable form for a license
 1-55 certificate;

1-56 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ prepare and conduct an examination for
 1-57 license applicants; and

1-58 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ maintain a complete record of all licensed
 1-59 athletic trainers ~~[, and~~

1-60 ~~[(6) annually prepare a roster showing the names and~~
 1-61 ~~addresses of all licensed athletic trainers].~~

2-1 SECTION 3. Section 451.153, Occupations Code, is amended to
2-2 read as follows:

2-3 Sec. 451.153. APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS. (a) An applicant
2-4 for an athletic trainer license must:

2-5 (1) have met the athletic training curriculum
2-6 requirements of a college or university approved by the commission
2-7 and give proof of graduation; or

2-8 (2) hold a degree or certificate in physical therapy
2-9 and have completed:

2-10 (A) a basic athletic training course from an
2-11 accredited college or university; and

2-12 (B) an apprenticeship described by Subsection

2-13 (b) [~~or~~

2-14 [~~(3) have a degree in corrective therapy with at least
2-15 a minor in physical education or health that includes a basic
2-16 athletic training course and meet the apprenticeship requirement or
2-17 any other requirement established by the commission].~~

2-18 (b) The apprenticeship required to be completed by an
2-19 applicant consists of 720 hours completed in two years under the
2-20 direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer acceptable to the
2-21 department. [~~Actual working hours include a minimum of 20 hours a
2-22 week during each fall semester.~~]

2-23 SECTION 4. Section 451.156, Occupations Code, is amended to
2-24 read as follows:

2-25 Sec. 451.156. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE ISSUANCE. An
2-26 applicant for an athletic trainer license is entitled to receive
2-27 the license if the applicant:

2-28 (1) satisfies the requirements of Section 451.153 [~~or~~
2-29 ~~451.154~~];

2-30 (2) passes the examination required by the department;
2-31 and

2-32 (3) pays the required license fee.

2-33 SECTION 5. Section 451.157(a), Occupations Code, is amended
2-34 to read as follows:

2-35 (a) The department may issue a temporary license to an
2-36 applicant if the applicant satisfies:

2-37 (1) the requirements of Section 451.153 [~~or 451.154~~];
2-38 and

2-39 (2) any other requirement established by the
2-40 commission.

2-41 SECTION 6. Section 451.154, Occupations Code, is repealed.

2-42 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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