

UTAH YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY POLICY

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to the employment of licensed athletic trainers in public high schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires a local school board or charter school governing board to employ a licensed athletic trainer at each public high school that has an athletic team; and
- ▶ enacts provisions related to the employment of a licensed athletic trainer at a public high school.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-3-433, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-3-433** is enacted to read:

53A-3-433. **Athletic trainers in high schools.**



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Athletic contest" means a contest between two or more athletic teams from
30 different high schools.

31 (b) "Athletic team" means a high school athletic team that participates in a sport as a
32 school-sponsored extracurricular activity.

33 (c) "Athletic trainer" means the same as that term is defined in Section [58-40a-102](#).

34 (2) (a) In accordance with Subsection (2)(b), a local school board or charter school
35 governing board shall employ an athletic trainer at each public high school that has an athletic
36 team.

37 (b) If the employment of an athletic trainer described in Subsection (2)(a) requires a
38 local school board or charter school governing board to create a new staff position at a high
39 school:

40 (i) the local school board or charter school governing board shall, to compensate the
41 athletic trainer in the new staff position, use funds that are available due to the departure of an
42 employee of the school at which the athletic trainer will be employed; and

43 (ii) the local school board or charter school governing board is not required to comply
44 with Subsection (2)(a) until the later of the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year or the day
45 on which funds described in Subsection (2)(b)(i) become available.

46 (3) A high school at which an athletic trainer is employed shall ensure that the athletic
47 trainer is present on the school's premises and available to assess athletic injuries at all times
48 during which an athletic contest takes place on the school's premises.

Legislative Review Note
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