

# HOUSE BILL No. 1260

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-5.1.

**Synopsis:** Athletic training. Replaces the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) with the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) for purposes of continuing education requirements for athletic trainers and athletic trainer certification. Changes the education requirement to a professional athletic training degree from a postsecondary educational institution that meets the academic standards for athletic trainers established by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). (Current law requires at least a baccalaureate degree that meets the standards for athletic trainers established by NATA.) Makes conforming changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-5.1-1-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. "Athletic trainer"  
3 means an individual who is or may be employed by an educational  
4 institution, a professional or an amateur athletic organization, an  
5 **occupational or** athletic facility, or a health care facility to practice  
6 athletic training.

7 SECTION 2. IC 25-5.1-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. "Athletic training"  
9 means the practice of prevention, recognition, assessment, **diagnosis**,  
10 management, treatment, disposition, **rehabilitation**, and reconditioning  
11 of athletic injuries under the direction of a licensed physician,  
12 osteopath, podiatrist, or chiropractor. However, in a clinic accessible  
13 to the general public, the term means practicing athletic training **only**  
14 **also** upon the referral and order of a licensed physician, osteopath,  
15 podiatrist, **or** chiropractor, **or licensed designee**. The term includes the  
16 following:

17 (1) Practice that may be conducted by an athletic trainer through



1 the use of heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, **manual therapies**,  
 2 exercise, rehabilitation, or mechanical devices related to the care  
 3 and the ~~conditioning~~ **reconditioning** of athletes.

4 (2) The organization and administration of educational programs  
 5 and athletic facilities.

6 (3) The education and the counseling of the public on matters  
 7 related to athletic training.

8 SECTION 3. IC 25-5.1-1-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 9 2023]. ~~Sec. 7. "NATA" refers to the National Athletic Trainers  
 10 Association, Inc.~~

11 SECTION 4. IC 25-5.1-1-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 12 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 13 1, 2023]: **Sec. 8. "BOC" refers to the Board of Certification, Inc.**

14 SECTION 5. IC 25-5.1-1-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 15 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 16 1, 2023]: **Sec. 9. "CAATE" refers to the Commission on  
 17 Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.**

18 SECTION 6. IC 25-5.1-2-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 6. The board shall do  
 20 the following:

21 (1) Organize by electing a president, vice president, and secretary.

22 (2) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

23 (A) Provide for the licensure of athletic trainers.

24 (B) Fix application fees, examination fees, and licensure fees.

25 (C) Establish standards for the practice of athletic training  
 26 under this article.

27 (D) Establish standards for continuing education that conform  
 28 with the standards of ~~NATA~~ **the BOC**.

29 (E) Otherwise implement this article.

30 (3) Prescribe the application forms to be furnished to all persons  
 31 seeking to be licensed under this article.

32 (4) Prescribe the form and design of the license to be issued under  
 33 this article.

34 (5) Conduct hearings, keep records of proceedings, and do all  
 35 things necessary to properly administer and enforce this article.

36 (6) Publish and make available the following upon request and for  
 37 a fee not to exceed the actual cost of printing and mailing:

38 (A) Requirements for issuance of an athletic trainer's license  
 39 under this article.

40 (B) Rules adopted under this article.

41 (7) Maintain and make available as required by IC 4-1-6 and  
 42 IC 5-14-3 a register of each licensed athletic trainer in Indiana,



1 including each licensed athletic trainer's last known address and  
 2 the expiration date and identification number of the licensed  
 3 athletic trainer's license.

4 ~~(8) Contract with the NATA board of certification to prepare,~~  
 5 ~~conduct, and score NATA's current professional examination as~~  
 6 ~~the qualifying examination for athletic trainers under this article.~~

7 SECTION 7. IC 25-5.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2007,  
 8 SECTION 318, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 1. (a) To qualify for a license under  
 10 this article, an individual must satisfy the following requirements:

11 (1) Satisfactorily complete an application for licensure in  
 12 accordance with the rules adopted by the board.

13 (2) Pay the application fees, examination fees, and licensure fees  
 14 established by the board.

15 (3) Not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing  
 16 on the applicant's ability to practice competently as determined by  
 17 the board.

18 (4) Not have had disciplinary action taken against the applicant or  
 19 the applicant's license by the board or by the licensing agency of  
 20 another state or jurisdiction by reason of the applicant's inability  
 21 to safely practice athletic training with those reasons for  
 22 discipline still being valid as determined by the board.

23 (5) Show to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has  
 24 received ~~at least a baccalaureate~~ **a professional athletic training**  
 25 degree from a postsecondary educational institution that meets the  
 26 academic standards for athletic trainers established by ~~NATA~~ **the**  
 27 **CAATE** and described in subsection (b).

28 (6) Except to the extent that section 6 of this chapter applies,  
 29 successfully pass the qualifying examination adopted by the  
 30 board. ~~as described in IC 25-5.1-2-6(8).~~

31 (b) The minimum academic standards for athletic trainers licensed  
 32 under this article as required under subsection (a)(5) include the  
 33 satisfactory completion of ~~an academic~~ **a CAATE accredited**  
 34 **and successful completion of the BOC examination.** ~~that includes at~~  
 35 ~~least the following accredited courses:~~

36 ~~(1) Human anatomy.~~

37 ~~(2) Human physiology.~~

38 ~~(3) Physiology of exercise.~~

39 ~~(4) Kinesiology.~~

40 ~~(5) Personal health.~~

41 ~~(6) Basic athletic training.~~

42 ~~(7) Advanced athletic training.~~



1 (8) Clinical experience as prescribed by the board.

2 (9) Therapeutic modalities.

3 (10) Rehabilitation.

4 SECTION 8. IC 25-5.1-3-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 6. If an individual who  
6 applies for a license under this article meets any of the following  
7 conditions, the individual may be exempted from the examination  
8 requirement under section 1(a)(6) of this chapter by action of the  
9 board:

10 (1) The individual is licensed to practice athletic training in  
11 another state if the other state's standards for licensure are at least  
12 equal to the standards for licensure in Indiana.

13 (2) The individual is certified by ~~NATA~~ **the BOC** and is  
14 otherwise qualified for licensure under this article.

15 (3) The individual is certified by an organization recognized by  
16 the National Commission on Competency Assurance and is  
17 otherwise qualified for licensure under this article.

18 SECTION 9. IC 25-5.1-3-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) The board may  
20 issue a temporary permit to a person to practice as an athletic trainer if  
21 the person pays a fee and the person:

22 (1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state  
23 and the person has applied for a license from the board;

24 (2) is practicing in a state that does not license or certify athletic  
25 trainers but is certified by ~~a national athletic training association~~  
26 **the BOC**, approved by the board, and the person has applied for  
27 a license from the board; or

28 (3) has met the requirements of section 1 of this chapter, except  
29 for the requirement of section 1(a)(6) of this chapter.

30 (b) A person with a temporary permit issued under subsection (a)(3)  
31 may practice as an athletic trainer only under the supervision of an  
32 athletic trainer licensed under this article.

33 (c) A temporary permit expires on the earliest of:

34 (1) the date the person holding the permit is issued a license under  
35 this article;

36 (2) the date the board disapproves the person's license  
37 application; or

38 (3) ninety (90) days after the date of issuance.

