

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

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A RESOLUTION to urge all middle and high schools to have an athletic trainer on staff.

WHEREAS, quality health care is vital for individuals involved in physical activity, including students attending the middle and high schools across our great State; and

WHEREAS, certified athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and those individuals engaged in physical activity based on specific tasks, knowledge, and skills acquired through their nationally regulated educational processes; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are often the first to see an injured athlete and provide knowledge on the prevention of injuries; recognition, evaluation, and treatment of injuries; rehabilitation; and healthcare administration, education, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, athletic training was recognized by the American Medical Association in 1990 as an allied healthcare profession; and

WHEREAS, it would be a great benefit to the children of Tennessee if an athletic trainer were a member of the staff of every middle and high school across the State in order to provide quality health care for athletes and our students involved in physical activity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we urge all middle and high schools in Tennessee to have an athletic trainer on staff.