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AMENDED

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S. 481

Introduced by Senators Lourie, Reese and Massey

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOUNDATION TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS IN ENSURING THAT A CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER IS ON STAFF AT EACH HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THIS STATE.

Amend Title To Conform

Whereas, certified athletic trainers are health professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries; and

Whereas, certified athletic trainers are clinically and academically qualified to therapeutically treat patients in any physical setting; and

Whereas, despite the advances in and efforts expended toward making school athletics as safe as possible, the possibility of suffering an injury while engaged in school athletics persists; and

Whereas, the General Assembly recognizes the inherent value of having certified athletic trainers in every high school and middle school of this State. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. (A) There is established the South Carolina Certified Athletic Trainers Foundation. This foundation shall encourage and assist local public school districts and public schools in ensuring that a certified athletic trainer is on staff at each high school and middle school of this State.

(B) The foundation is composed of eleven members. The members must be appointed as follows:

- (1) one member appointed by the South Carolina Medical Association;
- (2) one member appointed by the South Carolina Hospital Association;
- (3) one member appointed by the High School League;
- (4) one member appointed by the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association;
- (5) one member appointed by the Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee as established pursuant to Section 44-75-30;
- (6) one member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee;
- (7) one member appointed by the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee;
- (8) one member appointed by the South Carolina School Boards Association;

- (9) one member appointed by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators;
- (10) one member appointed by the South Carolina Trauma Advisory Council; and
- (11) the Superintendent of Education, or his designee, to serve ex officio.

(C) Any vacancy on the foundation must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(D) Initial appointments to the foundation shall be made within sixty days of the enactment of this joint resolution. The initial meeting of the foundation shall be convened by the appointee of the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

(E) The foundation shall elect a chairman from among its members.

(F) Members of the foundation shall serve without mileage, per diem, and subsistence.

(G) The foundation is authorized to solicit and accept private and public donations and grants. Funds received by the foundation are to be held and accounted for by the Department of Education. The Department of Education is authorized to withhold an amount equal to four percent of the funds received by the foundation for administrative costs.

(H) Funds received by the foundation shall be distributed to public middle and high schools throughout South Carolina as grants, in a manner which fulfills the charge in subsection (A) of this section. The foundation shall create guidelines to govern the selection of public schools to receive grants and the distribution of grant funds.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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