

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to high school athletic trainers; requiring the  
3 Florida High School Athletic Association, in collaboration with  
4 school districts, to conduct a study; providing an effective  
5 date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. The Florida High School Athletic Association  
10 shall conduct a study to evaluate the need for athletic trainers  
11 in each high school in the state that participates in athletics.  
12 The association shall consult with school districts, medical  
13 professionals, and the Department of Health to consider the  
14 need, the cost, and the availability of hiring an athletic  
15 trainer for each high school that participates in athletics.  
16 The study shall include, at a minimum, data related to the  
17 number of schools that currently employ an athletic trainer, the  
18 sports supervised by an athletic trainer, and the injury rates  
19 for those sports supervised by an athletic trainer compared to  
20 the injury rates for the same sports not supervised by an  
21 athletic trainer. For purposes of this study, "high school"  
22 includes grades 6 through 12. The association shall submit its  
23 findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the  
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2011.

25           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.