

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WVBE Policy 5112: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia

Background: The improvement of health care of student athletes in the public schools of West Virginia is critical to the success of all students in the 21st century. This policy identifies procedural requirements for licensure issuance and licensure renewal of athletic trainers and must be clear and reasonable. As revised, WVBE Policy 5112 will clarify licensure requirements for athletic trainers who work in the public schools of West Virginia in order to comply with West Virginia Code §30-20A-2, Athletic Trainers.

Proposals: Changes to WVBE Policy 5112 are as follows:

- Revise language to include the requirement that an athletic trainer hired by a county board of education be registered with the WV Board of Physical Therapy.
- Sunset the Athletic Trainer Student Support Certificate and Athletic Trainer Student Support Permit.
- Amend requirements for the Athletic Trainer Authorization to comply with West Virginia Code §30-20A-2, Athletic Trainers and Title Protection, which requires an athletic trainer be certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (NATABOC) and be registered with the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy.
- Revise unclear or inaccurate language heretofore included in the policy description.
- Delete the continuing education and professional development requirements that address the renewal of an Athletic Trainer Student Support Certificate which is no longer a specialization option.

Impact: Policy 5112 addresses the need for the improvement of health care of student athletes in the public schools of West Virginia as an element necessary for the success of all students in the 21st century.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 118
Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia (5112)

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126-118-1. General.

1.1. Scope. - The purpose of this athletic trainer policy is to improve the health care of student athletes in the public schools of West Virginia. This legislative rule describes the role of athletic trainers and individuals with limited football trainer authorization in the public schools of West Virginia and provides for their licensure and professional development.

1.2. Authority. - W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2; and W. Va. Code §18-2-5.

1.3. Filing Date. - ~~April 19, 2004.~~

1.4. Effective Date. - ~~May 20, 2004.~~

1.5. Repeal of Former Rule. - This procedural rule amends W.Va. 126CSR118, Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia," filed ~~February 24, 1995~~ April 19, 2004 and effective ~~March 27, 1995~~ May 20, 2004.

126-118-2. General Rules.

2.1. Each county board of education shall employ an licensed athletic trainer(s) or an individual(s) with limited football trainer authorization defined under section ~~4.1~~ 3.4. to serve during senior high school football practices and games. High schools that do not have an athletic trainer or an individual with limited athletic trainer authorization may not participate in football practices and games.

2.2. Each county board of education is encouraged to employ an athletic trainer for middle and junior high school football practices and games.

2.3. County superintendents are encouraged to assign an athletic trainer to work with other school athletic programs.

2.4. Athletic Trainers employed to serve in any public school capacity must adhere to the ~~certification~~ licensure requirements set forth in this policy and Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications (126CSR136).

126-118-3. Licensure Governing Athletic Trainers (Policy 5202).

~~3.1. Athletic Trainer. The Professional Service Certificate endorsed for athletic trainer stands alone, shall not require other certificates as a prerequisite, and must be renewed in accordance with renewal requirements for professional certificates approved by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE). Only an individual who holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and has completed a state-approved athletic trainer program, (including the content test) through an accredited institution of higher education shall be eligible for the Professional Service Certificate endorsed for athletic trainer.~~

3.13.2. Authorized Athletic Trainer Authorization. An Temporary Authorization endorsed for athletic trainer may be issued to an individual who holds certification through the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification (NATABOC); AND who has registered with the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy, as provided in West Virginia §30-20A-2; AND who provides a copy of the valid registration from the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy; AND who receives the recommendation of the superintendent of the employing county.

3.2. The Athletic Trainer Authorization may be reissued annually upon application to the WVDE Office of Professional Preparation with documentation of current registration with the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy valid NATABOC certification and AND the recommendation of the superintendent of the employing county.

~~3.3. Permit Athletic Trainer. A Permit for Full-Time Employment endorsed for athletic trainer may be granted by the WVDE to an individual who holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree and has completed six (6) semester hours of credit applicable to an approved athletic trainer program. (See Policy 5202, Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Professional/Paraprofessional Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications (126CSR136) for information regarding issuance and renewal of permits.) Individuals with an Athletic Trainer permit must attend an athletic trainer workshop/clinic sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) on an annual basis.~~

3.34. Limited Football Trainer Authorization. If an athletic trainer can not be obtained, county boards of education shall employ a licensed health care provider which may include one of the following: physician, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, physicians assistant, paramedic, emergency medical technician. To qualify for limited football trainer authorization, county boards of education must:

3.4-13.a. post the position of athletic trainer or individual to receive limited football trainer authorization with a closing date on or before May 1.

3.4-2.3.b. employ an athletic trainer. If an registered athletic trainer cannot

be employed, county boards of education shall select a licensed health care provider to apply for limited football trainer authorization.

3.4.3.3.c. require the individual(s) seeking limited football trainer authorization to attend an athletic trainer workshop/clinic sanctioned by the WVSSAC.

3.4.4.3.d. require the individual(s) seeking limited football trainer authorization to complete and submit the Application for Limited Football Trainer Authorization to the WVDE Office of Professional Preparation by July 1.

3.3.e. The Limited Football Trainer Authorization may be reissued annually upon application to the WVDE Office of Professional Preparation with documentation of a valid health care provider license and the recommendation of the superintendent of the employing county.

3.4. Student Support Certificate for Athletic Trainer. Student Support Certificates for Athletic Trainer that were issued prior to July 1, 2011, may be renewed in accordance with renewal requirements for professional student support certificates, as described in Policy 5202, §10.3.6(c). No Initial Professional Student Support Certificates will be issued after July 1, 2011.

3.5. First-Class/Full-Time Permit for Athletic Trainer Student Support Personnel.

3.5.a. Initial First-Class/Full-Time Permits for Athletic Trainer Student Support Personnel will not be issued after July 1, 2011, as stipulated in W. Va. Code §30-20A-2.

3.5.b. Renewal of First-Class/Full-Time Permits for Athletic Trainer Student Support Personnel. The First-Class/Full-Time Permit for Athletic Trainer may be renewed in accordance with renewal requirements described in Policy 5202, §11.1. Only those Permits that were in effect as of July 1, 2010, may be renewed.

~~§126-118-4. Continuing Education Requirements.~~

~~4.1. The renewal, conversion, and permanent status of the Professional Service Certificate will be in keeping with continuing education guidelines approved by the West Virginia Board of Education in conformity with the School Laws of West Virginia related to the Professional Certificate.~~

~~§126-118-5. Professional Development.~~

~~5.1. Programs for the professional development of athletic trainers shall comply with the program standards for athletic trainers approved by the West Virginia Board of Education. The issuance and renewal of certificates and the review, approval, and monitoring of professional development programs for athletic trainers shall be under the~~

~~jurisdiction of the West Virginia Board of Education through the West Virginia Department of Education.~~

~~5.2. Any individual employed as an athletic trainer by a county board of education on the basis of a professional certificate, authorization or permit shall participate in county and state approved continuing education programs based on a Systematic Program of Continuing Education for Public School Personnel in West Virginia. In the development of county continuing education programs for athletic trainers, consideration shall be given to statewide needs assessment data related to the roles and responsibilities of athletic trainers.~~

§126-118-46. General Role Description.

~~4.6.1. Role of the Athletic Trainer and Authorized Athletic Trainer. The athletic trainer possesses the essential knowledge, skills, attitudes, and credentials necessary to carry out the practices of prevention, evaluation, initial care, and physical rehabilitation of injuries sustained by students engaged in public school athletics. The athletic trainer has responsibility for the development, implementation, and management of the athletic training program.~~

~~4.6.2. Role of the Permit Athletic Trainer and Authorized Limited Football Trainer Authorization. The duties of individuals with limited football trainer authorization are limited to evaluation, initial care, and referral of injuries sustained by students engaged in public school athletics.~~

§126-118-57. Governing Principles.

~~5.7.1. An individual serving as an athletic trainer or individuals with limited football trainer authorization may not have simultaneous coaching responsibilities in the same sport.~~

~~5.7.2. An athletic trainer or an individual with limited football trainer authorization must be in attendance at all senior high school football practices and games.~~

~~5.7.2.1a. County superintendents may grant excuses from this requirement for individual practices or games based on illness, accident or unforeseen events.~~

~~5.7.2.2.b. When an athletic trainer or an individual with limited football trainer authorization is not in attendance because of an illness, accident or other unforeseen event, the county superintendent must secure the attendance of other persons with specialized health related training.~~

~~5.7.3. It is the responsibility of the athletic trainer or individual with limited football trainer authorization to determine whether or not an injured student athlete participates in a~~

game or practice.

§126-118-~~68~~. Severability.

6.8-1. If any provision of this rule or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this rule.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: W. Va. Code 126CSR136, Policy 5112: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: West Virginia Department of Education

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Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

No state costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. Code 126CSR136, Policy 5112: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia.
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Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Current Expenses	0	0	0
Repairs & Alterations	0	0	0
Assets	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0	0	0

Rule Title: W. Va. Code 126CSR136, Policy 5112: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia

3. **Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect);**
Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

No state costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. Code 126CSR136, Policy 5112: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia.

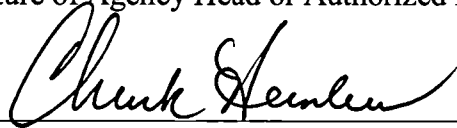
MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule **would not** have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues **not** captured elsewhere on this form.

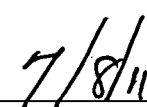
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This is a revision to W. Va. Code 126CSR136, Policy 5112: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia to meet the requirements set forth in West Virginia Code §30-20A-2, which provides for title protection of athletic trainers.

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative



Date



**POLICY 5112: ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF WEST VIRGINIA
(5112)**

COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: September 12, 2011

COMMENT RESPONSE FORM

The following form is provided to assist those who choose to comment on **Policy 5112 – Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia**. Additional sheets may be attached, if necessary.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please check the box below that best describes your role.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Support Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member |

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
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