

TITLE 126
PROCEDURAL RULE
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 18-2
SERIES 118

Title: Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia

Section 1. General

1.1 Scope - ~~These~~ This legislative rule describes the role of athletic trainers in the public schools of West Virginia and provides for their licensure and professional development.

1.2 Authority - W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, S2;
Code 18-2-5

1.3 Filing Date - _____

1.4 Effective Date - _____

1.5 Repeal of Former Rule - Adoption of this rule as
repeals policy 5013.1

Section 2. Foreword

2.1 The purpose of the athletic trainer policy is to provide for the licensure and professional development of an individual functioning as a state certified athletic trainer to improve the health care of student athletes in the public schools of West Virginia. The term "state certified" refers to the holder of any or all of the documents issued by the State Superintendent under the state law, rules or policies of the West Virginia Board of Education which authorize an individual to serve as an athletic trainer. These include the certificate, permit or authorization as described in Section 4, below.

Section 3. General Rules

3.1 Each county board of education shall employ a state certified athletic trainer(s) for senior high school football

practices and games, unless employment of a trainer is waived pursuant to Section 3.4 or the school is excused from such requirement by the county superintendent of schools on an individual game or practice basis. High schools which do not have a state certified athletic trainer, or waiver or excuse may not participate in football practices and games.

3.2. Each county board of education is encouraged to employ a state certified athletic trainer for middle and junior high school football practices and games.

3.3. ~~County superintendents school administrators~~ are encouraged to assign state certified athletic trainers to work with other school athletic programs and related school programs.

3.4. The county superintendent may request from the West Virginia State Board of Education Athletic Trainer Review Board a waiver of the requirement that a state certified athletic trainer be employed for senior high school football practices and games. Such a request must contain documentation that a state certified athletic trainer could not be employed, including the advertisement and other methods used to obtain one, describe how alternate services will be provided and delineate a plan for securing the services of a state certified athletic trainer. These exceptions may will be approved for one school year for legitimate reasons, i.e.e.g., illness of current trainer, courses not offered, unavailability of state certified athletic trainer, and other extenuating circumstances.

Section 4. Licensure Certification Procedures Governing Athletic Trainers (Policy 5202)

~~4.1 See policy 5202 Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of Educational Personnel.~~

Section 5. Issuance of Professional Service Certificates

~~5.1 4.1~~ The endorsement on the Professional Service Certificate endorsed for athletic trainer may stand 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 Board of Education. 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) ~~is~~ through an accredited institution of higher education, and has the recommendation of the institution of higher education shall be eligible for the Professional Service Certificate endorsed for athletic trainer.~~

4.2 A Permit for Full-Time Employment endorsed for athletic trainer may be granted 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 Educational Personnel and Advanced Salary Classifications for information regarding issuance and renewal of permits.)

4.3 An Authorization endorsed for athletic trainer may be issued to an individual who holds certification through the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Board of Certification. The Authorization may be reissued annually upon application to the West Virginia Department of Education with documentation of valid NATA certification and the recommendation of the superintendent of the employing county.

Section 6 5. Continuing Education Requirements

~~6-1~~ 5.1 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.

~~6-2~~ 5.2 Any individual employed as an athletic trainer by a county school system on the basis of a permit, ~~or~~ professional certificate, permit or authorization 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.

Section 7 6. Approval of Educational Personnel Program Professional Development

~~7-1~~ 6.1 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. E

Section ~~8~~ 7. Need for Cooperative Efforts Role

~~8.1 The West Virginia Board of Education, in its interest to create safer athletic programs in the public schools, endorses cooperative efforts in the implementation of this policy by the West Virginia Department of Education, county school systems, and institutions of higher education which have or plan to develop and implement state approved professional development programs for athletic trainers.~~

7.1 General Role Description

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 athletic and related programs. The athletic trainer has responsibility for the development, implementation, and management of the athletic training program.

Section ~~9~~ 8. Governing Principles for Employment and Assignment

~~9.1~~ 8.1 An individual serving must serve as an athletic trainer may not have without simultaneous coaching responsibilities in the same sport.

~~9.2~~ 8.2 An A state certified athletic trainer must be in attendance at all county board of education sanctioned senior high school football practices and games except when excused, unless a waiver is granted under Section 3.4 or the school is excused from this requirement for individual practices or games by the county superintendent or designee. Excuses may be granted for illness, accident or other unforeseeable event. If, because of waiver or excuse, an athletic trainer is not in attendance at such practice or game the county superintendent shall endeavor to secure the attendance of other persons trained in treatment of illness or injury, including physician, nurse, paramedic or others with specialized training.

~~9.3~~ 8.3 The decision whether or not a student athlete participates in a practice or game is the responsibility of the athletic trainer, except in the presence of a physician who has the ultimate decision-making responsibility.

Section 9. Athletic Trainer Review Board

9.1 The West Virginia State Board of Education shall appoint a nine member Athletic Trainer Review Board. The composition of the board shall be as follows: The State Superintendent of Schools or designee; two representatives from higher education; one staff representative from the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission; one senior high principal; one representative or designee of the National Athletic Trainer Association; one senior high Athletic Director; one physician licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia and one physical therapist.

9.2 The State Superintendent of Schools or his designee will serve as chair of the review board.

9.3 The Athletic Trainer Review Board will consider waiver requests pursuant to Section 3.4 and advise the West Virginia State Board of Education on matters relating to athletic trainers.

9.4 The length of term of members shall be four years and commence July 1st of the appointment year, except that the State Superintendent is a permanent member, ex officio.

9.5 Vacancies shall be filled at the time the vacancy occurs and the new appointee shall serve the unexpired term of the member vacating the position.

9.6 This board shall be voluntary in nature of service with no remuneration, with the exception of travel expenses to attend meetings of the Athletic Trainer Review Board.

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FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET

(Submit 4 copies)

HD NO _____ DRAFT NO _____ BILL NO. _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUBJECT Athletic Trainer Policy 5112 FUND _____

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL FUND SPECIAL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

COST ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2. AND IN ITEM 3 GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT EXPENSES					
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS					
EQUIPMENT					
OTHER					
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

No New Costs Included

DATE

AGENCY

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

8-5-94

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Executive Summary
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Number and Title: Title 126, Policy 5112; Athletic Trainers in the
Public Schools of West Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: January 20, 1995

BACKGROUND:

The Athletic Trainers in the Public Schools of West Virginia policies were last revised in 1990 to include changes necessary to meet the needs of student athletes. These legislative rules establish the employment eligibility criteria and specific role description of athletic trainers in public schools of West Virginia and provide for the professional development of athletic trainers. This policy combines Policy 5013.1, Roles and Functions of the Athletic Trainer Serving in the Public Schools of West Virginia into Policy 5112. The Athletic Trainer Review Board recognized the need for change in the policy and has been instrumental in developing criteria necessary to update this area.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the athletic trainer policy is to establish employment eligibility criteria and to provide for professional development of state certified athletic trainers to improve the health care of student athletes in the public schools of West Virginia.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The changes in this policy will allow the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Board of Certification license to be used for the issuance of a West Virginia Department of Education Authorization to serve as an athletic trainer. Athletic trainers may continue to earn a Professional Service Certificate by completing an approved program in a West Virginia institution of higher education.

At present two separate policies, Policy 5112 and Policy 5013.1 exist that deal with athletic trainer employment eligibility criteria and role description. The changes in Policy 5112 will allow for Policy 5013.1 to be rescinded.

IMPACT:

The changes and clarifications in Policy 5112 will increase the availability of certified athletic trainers for the public schools in West Virginia. There are no new or additional costs associated with the revision of this policy.

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