

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA



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BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1210 (First Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Increase Licensure Fees/Athletic Trainers.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Hoyle

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes (x)</b>	<b>No ( )</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2010-11</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2012-13</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2013-14</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2014-15</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>\$28,125</b>	<b>\$28,125</b>	<b>\$28,125</b>	<b>\$28,125</b>	<b>\$28,125</b>
<b>Board of Athletic Trainer Account</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners</b>				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	<b>When it becomes law.</b>				

**BILL SUMMARY:**

This bill would authorize the North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners (the “Board”) to increase licensure fees as follows:

	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>
Issuance of a License	\$100	\$200
License Renewal	\$50	\$75
Reinstatement of Lapsed License	\$75	\$100

**BACKGROUND:**

The Athletic Trainers Licensing Act (the “Act”) requires that every athletic trainer in North Carolina must be licensed by the Board. Qualifications for licensure in North Carolina include good moral character and graduation from a 4 year college in a course of study approved by the

Board. In addition, a candidate must pass the examination administered by the National Athletics Trainers' Association Board of Certification. Candidates must then file a written application with the Board and pay an application fee to receive licensure. Athletic trainers must then renew their license annually and pay a renewal fee.

The Board determines the standards for both receiving and renewing licenses. In addition, the Board is authorized to take disciplinary action against a licensee. Disciplinary matters often require investigation by the Board.

All fees payable to the Board are deposited in the Board's account and are used to pay for all of the expenses incurred in carrying out the Act. The fees set forth in the Act have not changed since the Act became law in 1997.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

I. Current Situation

In 2009, the Board received approximately \$60,000 in revenue from fees. In addition, it currently spends approximately \$60,000 per year in administering the Act.

The number of licensees has recently fallen which is expected to result in a \$10,000 reduction in fee collection. The number of athletic trainers has fallen statewide primarily due to budget reductions at educational institutions. The Board is currently projecting license fees and associated revenue for 2010 as follows:

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
License Issuance	70	\$100	\$7,000
License Renewals	840	\$50	\$42,000
Reinstatements	5	\$75	\$375
<b>Expected 2010 Revenue</b>			<b>\$49,375</b>

II. Increase in Revenue

We expect that the proposed fee increase will increase revenue as follows:

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Fee Increase</b>	<b>Total</b>
License Issuance	70	\$100	\$7,000
License Renewals	840	\$25	\$21,000
Reinstatements	5	\$25	\$125
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$28,125</b>

**SOURCES OF DATA:** North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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