SB267 ENROLLED



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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- 4 Relating to athletic trainers; to create the Athletic 5 Trainer Secondary School Incentive Program; to provide grants to local boards of education that meet certain requirements 6 7 related to the use of athletic trainers in rural, 1A, 2A, 3A, and Title I secondary schools; to authorize the Alabama Board 8 9 of Athletic Trainers to adopt rules to administer the incentive program and the grant application process; to 10 11 require grants issued from the incentive program to be provided as stipends to qualifying athletic trainers; and to 12 limit each secondary school and athletic trainer to one grant 13 14 per school year.
- 15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
- Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:
- 18 (1) ATHLETIC TRAINER. The same meaning as the term
 19 "athletic training practice," as defined by Section 34-40-2,
 20 Code of Alabama 1975. This term includes after school sporting
- 21 event coverage.
- 22 (2) ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES. Services provided by an 23 athletic trainer within the scope of athletic training
- practice, as defined by Section 34-40-2, Code of Alabama 1975.
- 25 This term includes coverage provided to an after school
- 26 sporting event.
- 27 (3) BOARD. The Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers, as 28 provided in Chapter 40 of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama



- 29 1975.
- 30 (4) INCENTIVE PROGRAM. The Athletic Trainer Secondary
- 31 School Incentive Program established by this act.
- 32 (5) RURAL SCHOOL. A school not located within a United
- 33 States Census Bureau Alabama Urbanized Area of 50,000 or more
- 34 individuals.
- 35 (6) SECONDARY SCHOOL. Any rural, 1A, 2A, 3A, or Title I
- 36 schools providing education to students in sixth through
- 37 twelfth grade. This term includes middle schools and high
- 38 schools.
- 39 Section 2. (a) There is established the Athletic
- 40 Trainer Secondary School Incentive Program. The program shall
- 41 be administered by the board.
- 42 (b) The board shall award funds to local boards of
- 43 education to incentivize the recruitment and retention of
- 44 athletic trainers at rural secondary schools and Title I
- 45 secondary schools in the state. The board shall allocate grant
- 46 awards to the applicable local board of education for each
- 47 successful application that meets the requirements of this
- 48 act. Each grant shall be no more than seven thousand five
- 49 hundred dollars (\$7,500), as determined by the board based on
- 50 the application.
- 51 (c) The incentive program shall be capped at two
- 52 million dollars (\$2,000,000) per school year.
- 53 (d) Grants may be awarded annually beginning with the
- 54 2024-2025 school year, and each school year thereafter.
- (e) The grants provided by this act shall be contingent
- on the availability of funds. The Legislature may appropriate



- 57 funds to the board for the incentive program, and the board 58 may accept funds from nongovernmental entities to be used for 59 the incentive program. Any monies appropriated shall be 60 budgeted and allotted pursuant to the Budget Management Act in accordance with Article 4, commencing with Section 41-4-80 of 61 62 Chapter 4 of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and only in the 63 amounts provided by the Legislature in the general 64 appropriations act or other appropriations act. Funds not 65 expended in any fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain with the board for use in implementing the incentive program. 66 67 Section 3. (a) A local board of education may apply for a grant from the incentive program if, during the academic 68 school year, an athletic trainer provided an average of at 69 70 least 25 hours of athletic training services per week to a 71 rural secondary school or Title I secondary school under the purview of the local board of education. Any athletic training 72 73 services provided by an athletic trainer may be counted 74 towards the required hours, provided that the athletic trainer 75 provides the athletic training services in one of the 76 following manners:
 - (1) As an employee of the local board of education.
 - (2) As an employee of a health care facility.

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- 79 (3) As a participant in a third-party sports medicine 80 program.
- 81 (b) (1) The board shall compile a list of schools
 82 eligible for grants from the incentive program and publish the
 83 list on its website. The list shall be compiled in the
 84 following manner:



- a. For rural secondary schools, by considering census data to determine which secondary schools are not located in urbanized areas of 50,000 or more individuals.
- b. For Title I secondary schools, by consideringfederal law.

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- 90 (2) Local boards of education meeting the application 91 criteria may apply for the incentive program following the end 92 of the academic school year, during a time period to be 93 determined by the board.
 - Section 4. (a) The board shall develop an application form and adopt procedures for the administration of the incentive program application, including for the development of application criteria and a timeline for application review and grant disbursement.
- 99 (b) (1) The local superintendent of education shall provide an attestation that all requirements for the incentive 100 101 program have been satisfied, and each athletic trainer seeking 102 to benefit from the incentive program shall provide an 103 attestation that he or she has provided at least 25 hours of 104 athletic training services to a rural secondary school or 105 Title I secondary school under the local board of education's purview. 106
- 107 (2) The board may take disciplinary action against an
 108 athletic trainer who falsifies the amount of athletic training
 109 services he or she provided.
- Section 5. (a) Upon the receipt of a grant from the incentive program, the local board of education shall distribute the grant funds as a stipend to the qualifying



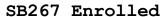
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- 114 (1) If multiple athletic trainers provided an average 115 of at least 25 hours of athletic training services per week to 116 a secondary school during the academic school year, the local 117 board of education shall evenly divide the funds from the
- 119 (2) An athletic trainer may only receive one stipend 120 from the incentive program per school year. Once an athletic 121 trainer is awarded a stipend pursuant to this act, he or she 122 shall not be eligible for another incentive program stipend 123 until the next school year, even if he or she provided 124 athletic training services to multiple schools.

incentive program among the athletic trainers.

- 125 (b) The local board of education is limited to one
 126 successful grant application per secondary school each school
 127 year.
- Section 6. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.





President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SB267 Senate 04-May-23 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 25-May-23 159 By: Senator Chesteen