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2 By Senator Chesteen
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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
6 to local boards of education that meet certain requirements
7 related to the use of athletic trainers in rural, 1A, 2A, 3A,
8 and Title I secondary schools; to authorize the Alabama Board
9 of Athletic Trainers to adopt rules to administer the
10 incentive program and the grant application process; to
11 require grants issued from the incentive program to be
12 provided as stipends to qualifying athletic trainers; and to
13 limit each secondary school and athletic trainer to one grant
14 per school year.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following
17 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
24 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



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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.

55 (e) The grants provided by this act shall be contingent
56 on the availability of funds. The Legislature may appropriate



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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
61 accordance with Article 4, commencing with Section 41-4-80 of
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
66 with the board for use in implementing the incentive program.

67 Section 3. (a) A local board of education may apply for
68 a grant from the incentive program if, during the academic
69 school year, an athletic trainer provided an average of at
70 least 25 hours of athletic training services per week to a
71 rural secondary school or Title I secondary school under the
72 purview of the local board of education. Any athletic training
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:

77 (1) As an employee of the local board of education.

78 (2) As an employee of a health care facility.

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:



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85 a. For rural secondary schools, by considering census
86 data to determine which secondary schools are not located in
87 urbanized areas of 50,000 or more individuals.

88 b. For Title I secondary schools, by considering
89 federal law.

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.

94 Section 4. (a) The board shall develop an application
95 form and adopt procedures for the administration of the
96 incentive program application, including for the development
97 of application criteria and a timeline for application review
98 and grant disbursement.

99 (b) (1) The local superintendent of education shall
100 provide an attestation that all requirements for the incentive
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
106 purview.

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.

110 Section 5. (a) Upon the receipt of a grant from the
111 incentive program, the local board of education shall
112 distribute the grant funds as a stipend to the qualifying



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113 athletic trainer.

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
118 incentive program among the athletic trainers.

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.

125 (b) The local board of education is limited to one
126 successful grant application per secondary school each school
127 year.

128 Section 6. This act shall become effective on the first
129 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
130 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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
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By: Senator Chesteen