

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1426

Short Title: Sports Medicine Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Diamont; Warren and Bowman.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 28, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TRAINING PERSONNEL IN THE  
2 SPORTS MEDICINE AND EMERGENCY PARAMEDICAL PROGRAM.  
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4 Whereas, the General Assembly established a program of sports medicine and  
5 emergency paramedical services and emergency life saving skills in the Department of  
6 Public Education in 1979; and

7 Whereas, that program has resulted in the provision of 261 teacher athletic  
8 trainers serving in 231 of the 323 high schools of the State; and

9 Whereas, the sports medicine program works in cooperation with the  
10 Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University to provide extensive  
11 classroom and laboratory training for teacher athletic trainers to lead toward  
12 certification by the National Athletic Trainers Association; and

13 Whereas, this certification represents the highest standard available for  
14 athletic trainers; and

15 Whereas, those high schools that use teacher athletic trainers have  
16 significantly reduced injury and reinjury rates in their sports programs, such that high  
17 schools without these persons have an injury rate of fifty percent (50%) and a reinjury  
18 rate of seventy-one percent (71%), but that high schools that use these trainers have an  
19 injury rate of twenty-six percent (26%) to twenty-nine percent (29%) and a reinjury rate  
20 of seven percent (7%) to nine percent (9%); and

21 Whereas, high schools that use teacher athletic trainers who have met national  
22 certification standards have experienced a further reduction in injuries and reinjuries;

23 Now, therefore,

24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
2 Public Education \$38,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year for the purpose of providing  
3 instruction, equipment and supplies, and general administration of the sports medicine  
4 program.

5           Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.