COMMITTEE REPORT

April 29, 2009

**S. 481**

Introduced by Senators Lourie, Reese and Massey

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Read the first time February 25, 2009.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (S. 481) to create the South Carolina Certified Athletic Trainers Foundation to encourage and assist the local school districts and schools in ensuring that a certified athletic trainer, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, page 1, by striking lines 37‑41 and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. (A) There is established the South Carolina Certified Athletic Trainers Foundation. This foundation shall encourage and assist local public school districts and public schools in ensuring that a certified athletic trainer is on staff at each high school and middle school of this State. /

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, page 2, by striking lines 15‑17 and inserting:

/ Education and Public Works Committee;

(8) one member appointed by the South Carolina School Boards Association; and

(9) the Superintendent of Education, or his designee, to serve ex officio. /

Amend the joint resolution as and if amended, page 2, by striking lines 34‑39 and inserting:

/ (H) Funds received by the foundation shall be distributed to public middle and high schools throughout South Carolina as grants, in a manner which fulfills the charge in subsection (A) of this section. The foundation shall create guidelines to govern the selection of public schools to receive grants and the distribution of grant funds. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

JOHN E. COURSON for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates this joint resolution will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on federal and/or other funds.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The State Department of Education estimates the joint resolution will have minimal fiscal impact to the agency. Section 1(G) of the joint resolution allows the department to withhold an amount equal to 4% of the funds received by the foundation for administrative costs, which is estimated to be sufficient to cover the costs to SDE.

*Approved By:*

Harry Bell

Office of State Budget

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOUNDATION TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS IN ENSURING THAT A CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER IS ON STAFF AT EACH HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THIS STATE.

Whereas, certified athletic trainers are health professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries; and

Whereas, certified athletic trainers are clinically and academically qualified to therapeutically treat patients in any physical setting; and

Whereas, despite the advances in and efforts expended toward making school athletics as safe as possible, the possibility of suffering an injury while engaged in school athletics persists; and

Whereas, the General Assembly recognizes the inherent value of having certified athletic trainers in every high school and middle school of this State. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. (A) There is established the South Carolina Certified Athletic Trainers Foundation. This foundation shall encourage and assist the local school districts and schools in ensuring that a certified athletic trainer is on staff at each high school and middle school of this State.

(B) The foundation is composed of eight members. The members must be appointed as follows:

(1) one member appointed by the South Carolina Medical Association;

(2) one member appointed by the South Carolina Hospital Association;

(3) one member appointed by the High School League;

(4) one member appointed by the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association;

(5) one member of Athletic Trainers’ Advisory Committee as established pursuant to Section 44‑75‑30;

(6) one member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee;

(7) one member appointed by the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee; and

(8) the Superintendent of Education, or his designee, to serve ex officio.

(C) Any vacancy on the foundation must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(D) Initial appointments to the foundation shall be made within sixty days of the enactment of this joint resolution. The initial meeting of the foundation shall be convened by the appointee of the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

(E) The foundation shall elect a chairman from among its members.

(F) Members of the foundation shall serve without mileage, per diem, and subsistence.

(G) The foundation is authorized to solicit and accept private and public donations and grants. Funds received by the foundation are to be held and accounted for by the Department of Education. The Department of Education is authorized to withhold an amount equal to four percent of the funds received by the foundation for administrative costs.

(H) Funds received by the foundation shall be distributed to middle schools and high schools throughout South Carolina as grants, in a manner which fulfills the charge in subsection (A) of this section. The foundation shall create guidelines to govern the selection of schools to receive grants and the distribution of grant funds.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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