

# SENATE, No. 801

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator RICHARD J. CODEY**

**District 27 (Essex and Morris)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires public and nonpublic schools, local recreation departments, and youth serving organizations to have licensed athletic trainer present at youth athletic events that involve certain contact sports.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning the presence of athletic trainers at youth  
2 athletic events for certain sports, and supplementing chapter 40  
3 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 5 of the  
4 Revised Statutes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. As used in this section, “contact sport” means football,  
10 wrestling, lacrosse, ice hockey, field hockey, and rugby.

11 b. The board of education of a public school district and the  
12 governing board or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school  
13 that includes any of the grades kindergarten through 12 shall ensure  
14 that a licensed athletic trainer is present during any school-  
15 sponsored athletic event or team practice involving a contact sport  
16 in which students of the district or nonpublic school are  
17 participating in the contact sport.

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19 2. a. As used in this section, “contact sport” means football,  
20 wrestling, lacrosse, ice hockey, field hockey, and rugby.

21 b. A municipal or county recreation department and a nonprofit  
22 youth serving organization as defined in section 1 of P.L.1999,  
23 c.432 (C.15A:3A-1), which organizes, sponsors, or is otherwise  
24 affiliated with youth athletic events that are played on municipal,  
25 county, school, or other publicly-owned fields, shall ensure that a  
26 licensed athletic trainer is present at each youth athletic event and  
27 practice that involves a contact sport and is held on the  
28 department’s or organization’s home field.

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30 3. Section 1 of this act shall take effect in the first full school  
31 year following the date of enactment and section 2 shall take effect  
32 on the first day of the seventh month next following enactment.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill would require public school districts and nonpublic  
38 schools that include any of the grades kindergarten through 12 to  
39 ensure that a licensed athletic trainer is present during any school-  
40 sponsored athletic event or team practice involving a contact sport  
41 in which students of the district or nonpublic school are  
42 participating in the contact sport. A “contact sport” under the bill  
43 includes the sports of football, wrestling, lacrosse, ice hockey, field  
44 hockey, and rugby.

45 The bill would also require municipal or county recreation  
46 departments and nonprofit youth serving organizations which  
47 organize, sponsor, or are otherwise affiliated with youth athletic  
48 events that are played on municipal, county, school, or other

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- 1 publicly-owned fields, to ensure that a licensed athletic trainer is
- 2 present at each youth athletic event and practice that involves a
- 3 contact sport and is held on the department's or organization's
- 4 home field.