

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1544
Version:	SAHB
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 1544 restore the title and update the effective year to 2024.

HB 1544, as amended, classifies an athletic trainer employed by a school district as a teacher if the trainer is certified with the National Athletic Trainers' Association and currently licensed in accordance with the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Senate amendments would not result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget, or appropriations.

As written, the measure would grant the same benefits as a certified teacher. According to the FY23 Certified FTE report by the Oklahoma State Department of Education dated 2/15/2023, there are currently 9 individuals with the 307 job code titled Athletic Trainer. The cost of providing benefits to those individuals based off of the average salary of \$52,084 would be as follows:

Teacher Retirement (9.5%)	\$44,531.82
Flexible Benefit Allowance	<u>\$69,136.20</u>
Total (Annually)	\$113,668

The final fiscal impact would be contingent upon the number of those who could ultimately qualify which is not known at this time.

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Other Considerations

None.