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To: House Bill No. 5199

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE  
SHORTAGE OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE STATE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
4 to study the shortage of athletic trainers in the state. Such study shall  
5 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of methods to recruit  
6 and retain athletic trainers in the state and evaluate (1) licensure fees for  
7 athletic trainers, (2) incentives for persons with a master's degree in  
8 athletic training to work as an athletic trainer in the state, (3) workshop  
9 opportunities for high school students in the state interested in a career  
10 in athletic training, (4) undergraduate athletic training courses and  
11 programs offered by institutions of higher education in the state, (5) the  
12 funding of scholarships for college students pursuing a degree leading  
13 to a career in athletic training, (6) equity in career opportunities and

14 salaries of athletic trainers in the state, and (7) student loan forgiveness  
15 opportunities for athletic trainers in the state.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
18 one of whom shall be a faculty member of a master's degree program in  
19 athletic training offered by an institution of higher education in the state,  
20 and one of whom shall be an athletic trainer who is employed by the  
21 State Board of Education and works at a public high school in the state;

22 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
23 whom shall be a faculty member of a master's degree program in athletic  
24 training offered by an institution of higher education in the state, and  
25 one of whom shall be an athletic trainer who works as an independent  
26 contractor at a high school in the state;

27 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
28 Representatives, who shall be an athletic trainer employed by a private  
29 high school in the state;

30 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
31 an athletic trainer in a nontraditional setting;

32 (5) Three appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
33 Representatives, one of whom shall be an orthopedic physician licensed  
34 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, one of whom shall be an  
35 athletic director of a high school in the state and one of whom shall be a  
36 representative of an association of athletic trainers in the state;

37 (6) Three appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; one of  
38 whom shall be a representative of a conference of interscholastic  
39 athletics in the state, one of whom shall be a school nurse who works at  
40 a school in the state and one of whom shall be an athletic trainer  
41 employed by an institution of higher education in the state; and

42 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
43 designee.

44 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
45 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
46 of the General Assembly.

47 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
48 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
49 be filled by the appointing authority.

50 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
51 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
52 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
53 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
54 days after the effective date of this section.

55 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
57 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

58 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report  
59 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
60 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
61 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
62 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such  
63 report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section