



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 15, 2024

Re: HB 1544

Signed: May 8, 2024

Effective: November 1, 2024

Topic: Athletic Trainers

Summary: This bill amends current law (70 O.S. § 1-116) which defines positions within a school system to now include the position of “athletic trainer.” An “athletic trainer” means a person employed full time by a board of education who is a Certified Athletic Trainer with current certification from the Board of Certification of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and is also currently licensed to practice in the state in accordance with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. An athletic trainer employed by a board of education shall be accorded the same protection of laws and all other benefits as a certified teacher.

Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.