

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB728

Patron: Jones, M.

Bill Title: Professions and occupations; definition of “practice of athletic training”; dry needling.

Bill Summary: Adds dry needling to the definition of “practice of athletic training,” as such term relates to the practice of medicine and other healing arts.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation updates the definition of “practice of athletic training” to include the use of dry needling as it relates to a practitioner’s treatment and rehabilitation of various injuries and conditions. Clarifying the types of activities considered to be part of the practice of athletic training is not expected to result in a fiscal impact to the Board of Medicine or the Department of Health Professions.

Other: SB728 may be a companion to HB841.