

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
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.