

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB841 E

Patron: Downey

Bill Title: Practice of athletic training; adds dry needling to definition.

Bill Summary: As engrossed, adds dry needling to the definition of “practice of athletic training,” as such term relates to the practice of medicine and other healing arts, and directs the Board of Medicine to amend its regulations to implement such definition and require training and certification for the practice of dry needling by athletic trainers. The bill provides that the initial adoption of regulations pursuant to this legislation shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable 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. As engrossed, the bill also requires the Board of Medicine to amend its regulations to implement this definition and establish training and certification requirements for athletic trainers practicing dry needling. It is expected that any cost or workload impacts associated with amending regulations will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Other: n/a