STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the supervision of athletic trainers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 8351 of the education law, as amended by chapter 733 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

2. Supervision of an athletic trainer by a physician shall be continuous but shall not be construed as requiring the physical presence of the supervising physician at the time and place where such services are performed, provided however, that such supervision shall include a signed written agreement or protocol created collaboratively between the supervising physician and licensed athletic trainer. The written agreement or protocol shall address and describe the nature and scope of athletic training services to be performed by such licensed athletic trainer, in accordance with this title. Such written agreement or protocol shall be reviewed at least once a year by the supervising physician and athletic trainer and revised if necessary. No physician shall supervise more than [~~four~~] **six** athletic trainers **at one time**, except that such limitation shall not apply for athletic trainers practicing in secondary schools, and institutions of postsecondary education, who are practicing under the supervision of a physician who serves as the medical director for such school or institution.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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