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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Carfagna and Hall

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board will experience an administrative cost to amend any rules necessitated by the bill and possibly investigate any additional complaints that result from changes in the scope of practice. Any increase is expected to be minimal.
- Public hospitals that employ athletic trainers, or their collaborators, may experience administrative costs to comply with the collaboration requirements. Any costs are anticipated to be minimal.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill makes changes to the practice of athletic training by requiring an athletic trainer to practice under a collaboration agreement with a physician or podiatrist. Continuing law maintains an athletic trainer must practice only on a referral from certain health care practitioners.<sup>1</sup> If any public hospitals employ athletic trainers, or physicians or podiatrists that collaborate with them, the hospital could experience minimal administrative costs to ensure they meet the requirements of the bill.

The bill additionally makes changes to the scope of practice of athletic trainers and makes a few additions regarding the activities and services a licensee can provide. According to the Ohio

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<sup>1</sup> Current law permits referrals from a physician, podiatrist, dentist, physical therapist, or chiropractor. The bill expands this list to include physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other athletic trainers (but only if the athletic training has already been recommended and referred by a health care professional other than an athletic trainer).

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board, the changes will require the Board to amend existing rules, posing an administrative cost. Modifying the scope of practice may result in an increase in the number of complaints and subsequent investigations by OTPTAT. Any increase is expected to be minimal. At the end of FY 2020, the Board licensed about 3,100 athletic trainers.