

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1544</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>5354</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>See analysis below</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1544, as introduced, classifies an athletic trainer employed by a school district as a teacher provided the trainer is certified with the National Athletic Trainers' Association and is also currently licensed in accordance with the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

As written, the measure would grant the same benefits as a certified teacher. According to the FY23 Certified FTE report by the Oklahoma State Department of Education dated 2/15/2023, there are currently 9 individuals with the 307 job code titled Athletic Trainer. The cost of providing benefits to those individuals based off of the average salary of \$52,084 would be as follows:

Teacher Retirement (9.5%)	\$44,531.82
Flexible Benefit Allowance	<u>\$69,136.20</u>
Total (Annually)	\$113,668

The final fiscal impact would be contingent upon the number of those who could ultimately qualify which is not known at this time.

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**Other Considerations**

None.