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**S 864. FUNDS FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS AT HIGH SCHOOLS.** Filed 3/25/2009. TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS BY REQUIRING THAT ALL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS EMPLOY A LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINER AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Amends GS 115C-12 to direct the State Board of Education to require that all local school administrative units employ a full-time, non-teaching athletic trainer that is licensed pursuant to Article 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes for each of their high schools who will be responsible for the coordination of the athletic health care for the school.

Appropriates \$21.5 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction for the 2009-10 fiscal year and \$21.5 million for the 2010-11 fiscal year to employ licensed athletic trainers at all public high schools in the State.

Effective July 1, 2009.

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