

**March 2, 2022**

**To: NSATA Members**

**From: NSATA Executive Board  
NSATA Governmental Affairs Committee**

**Regarding: Update on LB 436**

Greetings, everyone! We are extremely excited to announce that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 LB 436 advanced from General File on a 43-0 vote!

**Please know that this is not the end of the process and our practice act has not passed and been signed into law. However, this certainly a significant step.** Please review the legislative process below- we are currently in Enrollment and Review (highlighted).

The 2022 session is a short session meaning that it is 60 days in length. It started on January 5<sup>th</sup> and officially ends on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder of where we are in the Legislative process:

- ✓ Introduction of Bill (Bill introduced by a Senator)
  - a. LB 436 introduced by Senator Ben Hanssen on January 15, 2021
    - i. Senator Murman's name added on March 9, 2021
- ✓ Committee (Assigned to a committee, public hearing scheduled)
  - a. Referred to Health and Human Services Committee- January 20, 2021
  - b. Public Hearing- February 11, 2021
    - i. One group on file in opposition (Nebraska Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association)
- ✓ General File (First time full legislature has a chance to hear the bill and amendments. Takes 25 votes to move bill from General File to next stage)
  - a. LB 436 placed on General File March 1, 2021 by unanimous support from the Health and Human Services Committee
  - b. February 24, 2022- LB 436 remains on General File with a priority designation by Speaker Mike Hilgers.
  - c. March 1, 2022- **LB 436 Advances from General File on a 43-0 vote.**
- 4. Enrollment and Review (Amendments incorporated and bill checked for technical and grammatical accuracy)
- 5. Select File (Second round of debate and voting. Bill advances or may be postponed indefinitely)
- 6. Final Reading (Bill read aloud. May not be amended or debated)
- 7. Sent to Governor (If signed or declines to act, bill becomes law. Can also Veto)
- 8. Law (most bills become law within 3 calendar months of the adjournment of the legislature)

### **What is the NSATA doing at this time?**

The NSATA Governmental affairs team and the Executive Board remain active and in communication with Senator Hansen and other Senators in Lincoln. At this point, we will monitor the agenda and provide an update when the bill is on the Agenda for Select File. We have material available on the web-site for you to review about our bill. If you have any questions, please contact any of our Governmental Affairs Committee Members.

### **What can you do?**

1. Continue to stay informed. Information coming to the membership at this point is targeted and specific. As previously stated, if you don't see communication and have questions, please feel free to contact a member of our committee. You can find additional information on the NSATA Governmental Affairs page: <https://www.nsata.org/athletic-trainers/gac-member-information/>.
2. Communication with your Senators. If your Senator has supported the bill, send them a thank you with a request for them to continue to support the bill as it moves through the process. For tips on communicating with your Senator please see the NSATA Governmental Affairs page. The number one thing that we ask you to remember is to personalize the message. You are their constituent and they want to hear from you- not have a form letter forwarded to them.
3. Be ready! If we have any needs from the membership, we will be in immediate communication with the specific needs/requests.
4. Please contact us if you have any questions! There may be some things that you are unsure of and that's why the Governmental Affairs Committee and Executive Board are here. Please let us know if you have any questions. As discussed, some of you may have connections that would be helpful to capitalize on.

The following are GAC contacts for the NSATA. Please feel free to reach out to Rusty if you have any questions!

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