

A bill that would allow athletic trainers to treat patients not involved in organized athletic activities passed a Senate committee Wednesday.

The Arkansas Democrat Gazette reports the legislation gives trainers the okay to provide treatment and help with rehabilitation to any “injured as a result of vigorous participation in exercises, sports, games, recreation, wellness,” and more.

Currently athletic trainers can only help those participating in organized or athletic or team activities.

The bill received criticism from physical therapists, who argued the bill would allow athletic trainers to handle cases that they are unqualified for. The bill now goes to the full Senate.