

HOUSE No. 2188

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act clarifying participation in athletic safety programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2188) of Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to establish an interscholastic athletic head injury safety training program within the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2311 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act clarifying participation in athletic safety programs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Subsection (a) of section 222 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2012 Official Edition, is amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:-

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4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, coaches, athletic directors and parents or
5 legal guardians of a child who participates in an extracurricular athletic activity shall be required
6 to take such program every 2 years; provided however if the department has made changes to the
7 program since the prior year, coaches, athletic directors and parents or legal guardians must
8 participate in the updated program.