

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2222**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. Lawn, Jr.***

*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 establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2222) of John J. Lawn, Jr. and Vanna Howard for legislation to establish a special commission on the best practices of youth sports organizations. Public Health.

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

An Act establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters.

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

1 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special  
2 commission established to study the growing youth sports industry in the Commonwealth of  
3 Massachusetts.

4 (b) The commission shall consist of 9 members, as follows: one person appointed by the  
5 president of the senate; one person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one  
6 person appointed by the governor; one representative from the Massachusetts Interscholastic  
7 Athletic Association; one representative from the National Collegiate Athletic Association; one  
8 representative from the National Council of Youth Sports; and three industry representatives who  
9 operate youth sports organizations or venues in the commonwealth and who shall be selected by  
10 the other 6 members of the commission. The appointees of the president of the senate and  
11 speaker of the house of representatives shall serve as co-chairs of the commission.

12 (c) The commission shall investigate and make recommendations about: (i) best practices  
13 of youth sports organizations; (ii) the potential need for stronger oversight and accountability in  
14 the youth sports industry; (iii) the financial strains that youth sports organizations have faced  
15 because of the COVID-19 pandemic; (iv) ways to ensure that children and families actually  
16 benefit from private youth sports programs; and (v) the financial cost of participating in private  
17 youth sports programs.

18 (d) Not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, the commission shall file a  
19 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Clerks of the House of  
20 Representatives and Senate.