

HOUSE No. 389

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to require heart screening for interscholastic athletes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barry R. Finegold	17th Essex
Mr. Timilty	Bristol and Norfolk
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEART SCREENING FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 57 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:-

3 Subsection 57(a). The committee, or board of health in those municipalities where school health services
4 are the responsibility of the board of health, shall cause every student in the public schools that
5 participates in an interscholastic athletic program to undergo an electrocardiogram (EKG) test. The State
6 Board of Education shall determine how often a student must undergo EKG testing.

7 Subsection 57(a)(1). The State Board of Education shall require the committee, or board of health in
8 those municipalities where school health services are the responsibility of the board of health, to provide
9 the results of a student's EKG test to the student's parent or guardian.