

HOUSE No. 479

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

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 to authorize codes of conduct for players, coaches, officials and parents in athletic settings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Angelo M. Scaccia

14th Suffolk

Elizabeth A. Poirier

14th Bristol

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 479) of Angelo M. Scaccia and Elizabeth A. Poirier for education to establish of conduct for players, coaches, officials and parents in athletic settings. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 483 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to authorize codes of conduct for players, coaches, officials and parents in athletic settings.

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 1B of Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:— "The board shall promulgate guidelines
3 relative to a code of conduct for public school athletic programs for the health and safety of all
4 participants."

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
6 section 47A the following new section:—

7 "Section 47B. Athletic Programs Codes of Conduct.

8 Upon acceptance of this section, a school committee may require that all students,
9 coaches, officials, or parents of students as a condition of participation in all athletic programs by

10 the student sign a contractual code of conduct which may require the student, parents, coaches or
11 officials to refrain from verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any other student, coach,
12 official or other parent. The school committee may prohibit the presence of such student, coach,
13 parents or official at subsequent events if it determines the contractual code has been violated."