

SENATE No. 1131

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia S. Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1131) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1001 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports.

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

1 The department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a
2 comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports. The department shall investigate and
3 report on the incidence of oral injuries in sports in elementary, middle and high school
4 children. The department of public health shall collect data on the types of oral injuries,
5 including but not limited to frequency, severity, identification of high-risk sports, and long term
6 impact of oral health injuries on young athletes as well as including the types of sports most
7 frequently associated with such oral injuries. The department of public health shall develop
8 strategic and legislative recommendations to reduce the incidence of oral injuries in school
9 sports including the mandatory use of protective mouth gear in all high-risk sports. The
10 department of public health shall file a report of its study, including its recommendations and

- 11 drafts of legislation, with the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before
- 12 December 31, 2015.