

SENATE No. 805

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone 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 passage of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ms. Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex and Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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 SECTION 1. The department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to
2 conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports. The department shall
3 investigate and report on the incidence of oral injuries in sports in elementary, middle and high
4 school 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, 2009.