

HOUSE No. 476

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Quinn

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 relative to the disclosure of information of interscholastic athletic authorized agents and post season competitions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John F. Quinn	9th Bristol
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 528 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC AUTHORIZED AGENTS AND POST SEASON COMPETITIONS.

*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. Notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the school committees of Massachusetts or
2 their authorized agents as defined in section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws who organize any and all post-
3 regular season interscholastic competitions shall report at the end of the school year, but not later than 4 July after
4 the end of the school year, to the Commissioner of the state Department of Education the costs, expenses, contracts,
5 salaries, honorarium, gratuities, and all other financial matters regarding the site selection of all post-regular season
6 interscholastic competition in any semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or “superbowl” event.

7 The Commissioner of the Department of Education shall distribute this report to each school committee in the
8 Commonwealth no later than one week after Labor Day.

9 And be it further ordered and established, that any agents of schools committees in Massachusetts as defined in
10 section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws who are active in the selection, organization, payment, licensing,
11 franchising and arranging the general operations of post-regular season interscholastic competition or event shall
12 report at the end of every school year and/or 30 June whichever occurs first, to the state Commissioner of Education
13 in regard to said post-regular season interscholastic competitive events. Said end of school year report shall include
14 a schedule of costs attributable to procuring all sites for post-regular season interscholastic competition in any semi-
15 final or final round tournament, playoff or “superbowl” event; a schedule of expenses, including itemized salaries,
16 itemized honorarium, itemized travel expenses, itemized meal expenses, and any and all costs and expenses that are
17 either paid and/or due but are incurred in the organization of these events. Said report should also include cost of
18 securing a venue, gate receipts, concession revenue and cost of security.

19 Deferred costs, salaries, retirement plans or any expenses of agents of schools committees in Massachusetts as
20 defined in section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws who are active in the selection, organization, payment,
21 licensing, franchising and arranging the general operations of post-regular season interscholastic competition or
22 events shall be reported to the Commissioner of Education as outstanding liabilities.

23 This end of school year report to the Commissioner of Education shall also include both a statement of
24 applicability and determining criterion for site selection of post-regular season interscholastic competition in any
25 semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or “superbowl” event and a written review of the site selection process,
26 and final evaluation and scoring that determined the selection of those particular sites chosen for any of these post-
27 regular season interscholastic competition at the secondary school level.

28 Further, and in conjunction with the school committees of the Commonwealth, the Commissioner of the
29 Department of Education shall survey, compile, publish, and make available to the school committees of the
30 Commonwealth an annual evaluation of all available athletic facilities in the school districts of the Commonwealth

31 that are available for post-regular season interscholastic competition. This evaluation process by the Commissioner
32 of the Department of Education shall be begun at the end of each school year, but not later than 30 June, and shall
33 incorporate the most current available data including the data submitted to the Commissioner of the state
34 Department of Education from the school committees and their authorized agents as referenced in the preceding
35 paragraphs and related to post-regular season interscholastic competition.
36 This evaluation shall be continuously and annually updated and shall be distributed to each school committee in the
37 Commonwealth within sixty days of its completion, but no later than the first Monday of December in each school
38 year.