

HOUSE No. 1924

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo L. D'Emilia

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 relative to baseline concussion testing for student athletes.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i> | <i>8th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i> | <i>8th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Marc R. Pacheco</i> | <i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i> |
| <i>Claire D. Cronin</i> | <i>11th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Kevin J. Kuros</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Aaron Vega</i> | <i>5th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1924) of Angelo L. D'Emilia and others relative to baseline concussion testing for student athletes. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1928 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to baseline concussion testing for student 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. The first paragraph of subsection (a) of section 222 of chapter 111 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding in line 11
3 the following sentence:- The department shall create, implement and maintain mandatory
4 baseline concussion testing for all high school aged athletes enrolled in public school or any
5 school, private or otherwise, that is subject to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic
6 Association rules.

7 SECTION 2. Said section 222 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended
8 by striking out the word “The”, in line 25, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- In
9 addition to the mandatory baseline concussion testing results, the.

10 SECTION 3. Said section 222 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further
11 amended by inserting after the word “student”, in line 38, the following words:- has undergone
12 follow-up concussion testing in addition to previous baseline testing and the student.

13 SECTION 4. The first paragraph of subsection (c) of said section 222 of said chapter 111,
14 as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Any of the previously
15 mentioned professionals who submit clearance shall also be trained in baseline concussion
16 testing administration.

17 SECTION 5. The second paragraph of said subsection (c) of said section 222 of said
18 chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Any of the
19 previously mentioned professionals who submit clearance shall also be trained in baseline
20 concussion testing administration.