

HOUSE No. 1950

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, Jr.

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 clarifying participation in athletic safety programs.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i> | <i>10th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i> | <i>28th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Stephan Hay</i> | <i>3rd Worcester</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1950) of John J. Lawn, Jr. and others clarifying participation in athletic safety programs. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3719 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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An Act clarifying participation in athletic safety programs.

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. Subsection (a) of section 222 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 Participation in the program shall be required of coaches, trainers and parent volunteers
5 for any extracurricular athletic activity; physicians and nurses who are employed by a school or
6 school district or who volunteer to assist with an extracurricular athletic activity; school athletic
7 directors; directors responsible for a school marching band; and a parent or legal guardian of a
8 child who participates in an extracurricular athletic activity. The persons required to participate
9 in the program under this subsection shall be required to take such program every 2 years;

- 10 provided, however, if the department has made changes to the program since the prior year, such
- 11 persons must participate in the updated program.