

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2252**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward R. Philips*

*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 promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2252) of Edward R. Philips relative to promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3           Section 244. YOUTH COACHING BEST PRACTICES

4           (a) Every municipal recreation department in the Commonwealth that oversees the  
5 operation of youth athletic activities shall establish a best practices curriculum for all coaches  
6 participating in municipal youth athletic activities. Said curriculum shall include, but not be  
7 limited to, online or in-person trainings that promote consideration of youth athletes’ mental  
8 health and the prevention of psychological and physical abuse related to participation in athletic  
9 activities.

10           (b) No individual shall coach an athletic activity unless the individual has completed, on  
11 an annual basis, the best practices training curriculum adopted by the municipality.