

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2474

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## 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 establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2474) of John J. Lawn, Jr. for legislation to establish a special commission on the best practices of youth sports organizations. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2222 OF 2023-2024.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special  
2     commission established to study the growing youth sports industry in the Commonwealth of  
3     Massachusetts.

4           (b) The commission shall consist of 9 members, as follows: one person appointed by the  
5     president of the senate; one person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one  
6     person appointed by the governor; one representative from the Massachusetts Interscholastic  
7     Athletic Association; one representative from the National Collegiate Athletic Association; one  
8     representative from the National Council of Youth Sports; and three industry representatives who  
9     operate youth sports organizations or venues in the commonwealth and who shall be selected by

the other 6 members of the commission. The appointees of the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives shall serve as co-chairs of the commission.

(c) The commission shall investigate and make recommendations about: (i) best practices of youth sports organizations; (ii) the potential need for stronger oversight and accountability in the youth sports industry; (iii) the financial strains that youth sports organizations have faced because of the COVID-19 pandemic; (iv) ways to ensure that children and families actually benefit from private youth sports programs; and (v) the financial cost of participating in private youth sports programs.

(d) Not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, the commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate.