

HOUSE No. 464

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 an interscholastic athletic competition working group.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Denise C. Garlick

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Norfolk

HOUSE No. 464

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 464) of Denise C. Garlick relative to establishing an interscholastic athletic competition working group. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2035 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act Establishing an interscholastic athletic competition working group.

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.

2 There shall be a working group on matters related to interscholastic athletic competitions,
3 hereinafter referred to as the group. The group shall include: the Commissioner of Elementary
4 and Secondary Education or a designee; the President of the Massachusetts Interscholastic
5 Athletic Association or a designee; the President of the Massachusetts Secondary School
6 Administrators' Association or a designee; the Executive Director of the Massachusetts
7 Association of School Superintendents or a designee; the Executive Director of the
8 Massachusetts Association of School Committees or a designee; and two athletic directors to be
9 chosen by the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors

10 Association, one of whom shall come from a school district larger than 6,000 students, and one
11 of whom shall come from a school district smaller than 6,000 students.

12 The group shall: (i) review and analyze current operations of interscholastic competitions
13 or events; (ii) assess the site selection process, scheduling and timing impacts on school districts,
14 costs, and financial impacts related to post regular season interscholastic competitions or events;
15 (iii) examine the current state of gender equality present in interscholastic competitions or
16 events; and (iv) examine the criteria used to determine how an activity is classified as an
17 interscholastic sport.

18 The group shall issue a final report containing its findings and recommendations with the
19 joint committee on education and the clerks of the house and senate not later than six months
20 following the first meeting of the group, which shall occur not later than ninety days from the
21 effective date of this act.