

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01085**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1085) of Creem for legislation to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports [Joint Committee on Public Health].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 805 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports.

*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 department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to  
2 conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports. The department shall  
3 investigate and report on the incidence of oral injuries in sports in elementary, middle and high  
4 school children. The department of public health shall collect data on the types of oral injuries,  
5 including but not limited to frequency, severity, identification of high-risk sports, and long term  
6 impact of oral health injuries on young athletes as well as including the types of sports most  
7 frequently associated with such oral injuries. The department of public health shall develop  
8 strategic and legislative recommendations to reduce the incidence of oral injuries in school  
9 sports including the mandatory use of protective mouth gear in all high-risk sports. The

10 department of public health shall file a report of its study, including its recommendations and  
11 drafts of legislation, with the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before  
12 December 31, 2012.