

SENATE No. 1370

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/7/2023</i> |
| <i>John J. Cronin</i> | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>3/8/2023</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>4/4/2023</i> |
| <i>Joan B. Lovely</i> | <i>Second Essex</i> | <i>4/12/2023</i> |

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1370) of Paul R. Feeney, Jack Patrick Lewis and John J. Cronin for legislation relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1526 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities.

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. Section 54A of chapter 71 of the general laws, as appearing in the
2 2014Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “eleven C“, in line 3, the
3 following words:- , or a licensed athletic trainer, who has completed the annual head injury
4 safety training, as required by 105 CMR 201.007.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 54A of said chapter 71 is hereby further amended by inserting
6 at the end thereof the following new paragraph:- A licensed athletic trainer shall be employed by
7 a superintendent or school committee at every high school in the commonwealth offering
8 interscholastic athletic activities.

9 SECTION 3. Section 8A (b)(7) of chapter 69 is amended by inserting the word “athletic”
10 after “coaches” and before “trainers”. Section 8A (c) of chapter 69 is hereby amended by
11 inserting the word “athletic” after “coaches” and before “trainers”.