

HOUSE No. 476

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the disclosure of information of interscholastic athletic authorized agents and post season competitions..

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. Notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the school committees
2 of Massachusetts or their authorized agents as defined in section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General
3 Laws who organize any and all post-regular season interscholastic competitions shall report at
4 the end of the school year, but not later than 4 July after the end of the school year, to the
5 Commissioner of the state Department of Education the costs, expenses, contracts, salaries,
6 honorarium, gratuities, and all other financial matters regarding the site selection of all post-
7 regular season interscholastic competition in any semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or
8 “superbowl” event.

9 The Commissioner of the Department of Education shall distribute this report to each
10 school committee in the Commonwealth no later than one week after Labor Day.

11 And be it further ordered and established, that any agents of schools committees in
12 Massachusetts as defined in section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws who are active in the
13 selection, organization, payment, licensing, franchising and arranging the general operations of

14 post-regular season interscholastic competition or event shall report at the end of every school
15 year and/or 30 June whichever occurs first, to the state Commissioner of Education in regard to
16 said post-regular season interscholastic competitive events. Said end of school year report shall
17 include a schedule of costs attributable to procuring all sites for post-regular season
18 interscholastic competition in any semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or “superbowl”
19 event; a schedule of expenses, including itemized salaries, itemized honorarium, itemized travel
20 expenses, itemized meal expenses, and any and all costs and expenses that are either paid and/or
21 due but are incurred in the organization of these events. Said report should also include cost of
22 securing a venue, gate receipts, concession revenue and cost of security.

23 Deferred costs, salaries, retirement plans or any expenses of agents of schools committees
24 in Massachusetts as defined in section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws who are active in
25 the selection, organization, payment, licensing, franchising and arranging the general operations
26 of post-regular season interscholastic competition or events shall be reported to the
27 Commissioner of Education as outstanding liabilities.

28 This end of school year report to the Commissioner of Education shall also include both a
29 statement of applicability and determining criterion for site selection of post-regular season
30 interscholastic competition in any semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or “superbowl”
31 event and a written review of the site selection process, and final evaluation and scoring that
32 determined the selection of those particular sites chosen for any of these post-regular season
33 interscholastic competition at the secondary school level.

34 Further, and in conjunction with the school committees of the Commonwealth, the
35 Commissioner of the Department of Education shall survey, compile, publish, and make

36 available to the school committees of the Commonwealth an annual evaluation of all available
37 athletic facilities in the school districts of the Commonwealth that are available for post-regular
38 season interscholastic competition. This evaluation process by the Commissioner of the
39 Department of Education shall be begun at the end of each school year, but not later than 30
40 June, and shall incorporate the most current available data including the data submitted to the
41 Commissioner of the state Department of Education from the school committees and their
42 authorized agents as referenced in the preceding paragraphs and related to post-regular season
43 interscholastic competition.

44 This evaluation shall be continuously and annually updated and shall be distributed to
45 each school committee in the Commonwealth within sixty days of its completion, but no later
46 than the first Monday of December in each school year.