

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1096**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard J. Ross***

*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 safety in youth sports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Richard J. Ross*

*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1096) of Richard J. Ross and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to require coaches of interscholastic sports to complete first aid training courses. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1163 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to safety in youth 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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 54A the following:-

3 Section 54A1/2. All coaches of interscholastic sports must take and pass the requirements  
4 of a CPR training course and possess a valid certification card; and all coaches must complete  
5 sports first aid training. Training may be completed in one of four ways: complete a four hour  
6 sports first aid course; complete one of the following national sports aid course programs: the  
7 American Sport Education Program, the American Red Cross Sport Safety Training Course or  
8 NFHS First Aid for Coaches; complete college coursework in sports first aid; possess one of the  
9 following licenses: M.D (Medical Doctor), D.O (doctor of osteopathic medicine), R.N  
10 (registered nurse), EMT, and A.T.C; all local school districts are responsible for documenting  
11 that all coaches have current certification.