

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1131**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1131) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1001 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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           The department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a  
2 comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports. The department shall investigate and  
3 report on the incidence of oral injuries in sports in elementary, middle and high school  
4 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, 2015.