

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1168**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia A. Haddad***

*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 clarifying participation in athletic safety programs.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/5/2017</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1168) of Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to establish an interscholastic athletic head injury safety training program within the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1974 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act clarifying participation in athletic safety programs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1            Subsection (a) of section 222 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2            2012 Official Edition, is amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:-

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4            Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, coaches, athletic directors and parents or  
5            legal guardians of a child who participates in an extracurricular athletic activity shall be required  
6            to take such program every 2 years; provided however if the department has made changes to the  
7            program since the prior year, coaches, athletic directors and parents or legal guardians must  
8            participate in the updated program.