

HOUSE No. 3719

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 30, 2017.

The committee on Public Health to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by 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, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3719) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KATE HOGAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 222 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 Participation in the program shall be required of coaches, trainers and parent volunteers
5 for any extracurricular athletic activity; physicians and nurses who are employed by a school or
6 school district or who volunteer to assist with an extracurricular athletic activity; school athletic
7 directors; directors responsible for a school marching band; and a parent or legal guardian of a
8 child who participates in an extracurricular athletic activity. The persons required to participate
9 in the program under this subsection shall be required to take such program every 2 years;
10 provided, however, if the department has made changes to the program since the prior year, such
11 persons must participate in the updated program.