

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1172

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cynthia Stone Creem***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/17/2017</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1172) of Cynthia S. Creem, David Paul Linsky, Josh S. Cutler, Brian M. Ashe and others 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. 1131 OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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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 children.  
4   The department of public health shall collect data on the types of oral injuries, including but not  
5   limited to frequency, severity, identification of high-risk sports, and long term impact of oral  
6   health injuries on young athletes as well as including the types of sports most frequently  
7   associated with such oral injuries. The department of public health shall develop strategic and  
8   legislative recommendations to reduce the incidence of oral injuries in school sports including  
9   the mandatory use of protective mouth gear in all high-risk sports. The department of public

- 10 health shall file a report of its study, including its recommendations and drafts of legislation,
- 11 with the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2019.