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SENATE . . . . . No. 1173

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone 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 relative to the creation of a sports injury commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia Stone Creem	*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1173) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to create a sports injury commission. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1129* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the creation of a sports injury commission.

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a Sports Injury Commission to investigate and report on the incidence of sports injuries in elementary, middle and high school children. Said commission shall collect data of the types of sports injuries, frequency, severity, identify high-risk sports, and long term impact of sports injuries on young athletes, including but not limited to the rate and type of eye, facial, head injuries, heart injuries and heart failure incurred and the types of sports most frequently associated with such injuries. The commission shall develop strategic and legislative recommendations to reduce the incidence of sports injuries, including the mandatory use of protective eye wear and/or headgear in all high-risk sports and consideration of mandatory heart testing.

The commission shall be comprised of the House and Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Health, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the House and Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Education; the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health or his designee; the Commissioner of the Department of Education; and one representative from each of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons; the Massachusetts Medical Society; the Massachusetts College of Emergency Room Physicians; the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians; the Massachusetts Chapter American College of Cardiology; the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association; the Massachusetts Head Injury Association; the Boston University Center for Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy; the Massachusetts School Nurses Association; the American Heart Association; the Massachusetts Dental Society, the Massachusetts Coaches Association and two high school students.

Said commission shall file a report of its study, including its recommendations and drafts of legislation with the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2018.