

HOUSE No. 2222

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, Jr.

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 establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2222) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and Vanna Howard for legislation to establish a special commission on the best practices of youth sports organizations. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing a special commission to study the youth sports industry and other related matters.

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

1 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special
2 commission established to study the growing youth sports industry in the Commonwealth of
3 Massachusetts.

4 (b) The commission shall consist of 9 members, as follows: one person appointed by the
5 president of the senate; one person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one
6 person appointed by the governor; one representative from the Massachusetts Interscholastic
7 Athletic Association; one representative from the National Collegiate Athletic Association; one
8 representative from the National Council of Youth Sports; and three industry representatives who
9 operate youth sports organizations or venues in the commonwealth and who shall be selected by
10 the other 6 members of the commission. The appointees of the president of the senate and
11 speaker of the house of representatives shall serve as co-chairs of the commission.

12 (c) The commission shall investigate and make recommendations about: (i) best practices
13 of youth sports organizations; (ii) the potential need for stronger oversight and accountability in
14 the youth sports industry; (iii) the financial strains that youth sports organizations have faced
15 because of the COVID-19 pandemic; (iv) ways to ensure that children and families actually
16 benefit from private youth sports programs; and (v) the financial cost of participating in private
17 youth sports programs.

18 (d) Not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act, the commission shall file a
19 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Clerks of the House of
20 Representatives and Senate.