

SENATE No. 1454

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 baseline concussion testing for student athletes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/27/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/27/2023</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1454) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to baseline concussion testing for student athletes. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1512 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act relative to baseline concussion testing for student athletes.

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. The first paragraph of subsection (a) of Section 222 of Chapter 111 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following sentence:- The department shall create, implement and maintain mandatory baseline
4 concussion testing for all high school aged athletes enrolled in public school or any school,
5 private or otherwise, that is subject to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
6 rules.

7 SECTION 2. Said Section 222 of said Chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended
8 by striking out the word “The”, in line 25, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- In
9 addition to the mandatory baseline concussion testing results, the.

10 SECTION 3. Said Section 222 of said Chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further
11 amended by inserting after the word “student”, in line 38, the following words:- has undergone
12 follow-up concussion testing in addition to previous baseline testing and the student.

13 SECTION 4. The first paragraph of subsection (c) of said Section 222 of said Chapter
14 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Any of the
15 previously mentioned professionals who submit clearance shall also be trained in baseline
16 concussion testing administration.

17 SECTION 5. The second paragraph of said subsection (c) of said Section 222 of said
18 Chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Any of the
19 previously mentioned professionals who submit clearance shall also be trained in baseline
20 concussion testing administration.