

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2475**

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**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 relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2475) of John J. Lawn, Jr. relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2137 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities.

*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. Section 54A of chapter 71 of the general laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “eleven C“, in line 3, the  
3 following words:- or a licensed athletic trainer, who have completed the annual head injury  
4 safety training, as required by 105 CMR 201.007.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 54A of said chapter 71 is hereby further amended by inserting  
6 at the end thereof the following new paragraph:- A licensed athletic trainer shall be employed by  
7 a superintendent or school committee at every high school in the commonwealth offering  
8 interscholastic athletic activities.

9           SECTION 3. Section 8A (b)(7) of chapter 69 is hereby amended by inserting the word  
10 “athletic” after “coaches” and before “trainers”. Section 8A (c) of chapter 69 is hereby amended  
11 by inserting the word “athletic” after “coaches” and before “trainers”.