

HOUSE No. 2508

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips

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 promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/20/2025</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2508) of Edward R. Philips relative to promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2252 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 244. YOUTH COACHING BEST PRACTICES

4 (a) Every municipal recreation department in the Commonwealth that oversees the
5 operation of youth athletic activities shall establish a best practices curriculum for all coaches
6 participating in municipal youth athletic activities. Said curriculum shall include, but not be
7 limited to, online or in-person trainings that promote consideration of youth athletes’ mental
8 health and the prevention of psychological and physical abuse related to participation in athletic
9 activities.

10 (b) No individual shall coach an athletic activity unless the individual has completed, on
11 an annual basis, the best practices training curriculum adopted by the municipality.