

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4622**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas P. Walsh and Joan B. Lovely***

*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 to protect the lives of student athletes; Freddy’s law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>10/6/2025</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>10/7/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>11/12/2025</i>
<i>Lisa Field</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>11/17/2025</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>11/18/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>11/24/2025</i>
<i>Sean Reid</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>11/24/2025</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>12/2/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>12/23/2025</i>

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas P. Walsh and Sally P. Kerans for legislation to authorize electrocardiogram screenings prior to participation in interscholastic athletic competitions. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to protect the lives of student athletes; Freddy’s law.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following section:

3           Section 222A

4           The department shall direct and assist the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic  
5 Association in developing policies and procedures pertaining to requiring high school athletes to  
6 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening prior to participation in interscholastic athletic  
7 competition beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. MIAA policy shall include, but not be  
8 limited to: student athlete compliance; protocol following an abnormal electrocardiogram result;  
9 religious exemption; and transferability of results.

10           SECTION 2. Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
11 inserting after section 17S the following section:-

12           Section 17T. Any coverage offered by the commission to an active or retired employee of  
13 the commonwealth, insured under the Group Insurance Commission, shall provide coverage for  
14 one electrocardiogram screening for high school aged MIAA athletes.

15           SECTION 3. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
16 inserting after section 47UU, the following section:-

17           Section 47VV. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,  
18 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth that provides medical expense coverage shall  
19 provide coverage for one electrocardiogram screening for high school aged MIAA athletes.

20           SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
21 inserting after section 8VV the following section:-

22           Section 8WW. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an  
23 individual or group hospital service plan which is delivered, issued or renewed within the  
24 commonwealth shall provide coverage for one electrocardiogram screening for high school aged  
25 MIAA athletes.

26           SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
27 inserting after section 4VV, the following section:-

28           Section 4WW. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
29 agreement delivered, issued, or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for  
30 one electrocardiogram screening for high school aged MIAA athletes.

31           SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
32 inserting after section 4NN the following section:-

33           Section 400. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide  
34 coverage for one electrocardiogram screening for high school aged MIAA athletes.