

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1541

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

*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 athletic training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/31/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/2/2025</i>

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1541) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to public school athletic trainers. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4565 OF 2023-2024.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act relative to athletic training.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 8A of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as  
2     appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended in paragraph (7) by inserting after the  
3     word “coaches,” the following word:- athletic.

4           SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of said section 8A of said chapter 69, as so appearing, is  
5     hereby amended by inserting after the word “coaches,” the following word:- athletic.

6           SECTION 3. Section 54A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
7     amended by inserting after the words “eleven C“, in line 3, the following words:- or a licensed  
8     athletic trainer, who have completed an annual head injury safety training as required pursuant to  
9     105 CMR 201.007.

10           SECTION 4. Section 23A of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
11 striking out in the definition of “Athletic trainer”, as so appearing, the words “and who limits his  
12 practice to schools, teams or organizations with whom he is associated”.

13           SECTION 5. The board of allied health professions shall review and update any  
14 applicable rules and regulations in accordance with this act not later than 180 following  
15 enactment.