

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Jason M. Lewis, (BY REQUEST)***

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*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 racially and culturally inclusive K-12 curriculum.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Vincent Dixon*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 254 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act promoting racially and culturally inclusive K-12 curriculum.

*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 I. – The Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following new chapter:

3 Comprehensive Study of Athletic Performance Surfaces –  
4 Including Artificial Grass – & Turf Surfaces Act

5 An Act to Further Research And Report Analysis of Athletic Performance Surfaces  
6 Their Safety – And Recommendations

7 SECTION II. – PURPOSE

8 There shall be established a: Comprehensive Athletic Surface Performance Commission  
9 (CASPC). Significant Public Health concerns, have grown regarding the use of artificial grass,

10 and various artificial turf surfaces, in schools, athletic facilities, parks, and other locations across  
11 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and cautionary information, suggests that such use should  
12 be limited, and/or ceased. Important analysis, and research on this set of issues, is needed, before  
13 further potentially negligent, and wasteful public expenditure, is carried out.

14 This Special Commission, shall conduct comprehensive research relating to studying  
15 athletic performance surfaces – including artificial grass – and turf surfaces; and shall provide a  
16 detailed, factual analysis of all such surfaces, their costs, their public health effects, and their  
17 long-term values.

### 18 SECTION III. – MEMBERSHIP

19 This Special Commission, shall consist of fifteen (15) members, who shall include: Three  
20 (3) scientific members, including at least one (1) researcher, designated by the PFAS Lab, at the  
21 Social Science Health Research Institute at Northeastern University; one (1) representative of the  
22 Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; one (1) representative of  
23 outdoor high school sports coaches; one (1) representative of outdoor college sports coaches; one  
24 (1) sports medicine medical doctor professional; three (3) representatives of established  
25 environmental organizations; and five (5) members of the general public, at least one (1) of  
26 whom will be a parent of an outdoor sport student.

27 Once the Special Commission is appointed, and convened, they shall select one (1)  
28 member, as Chair. They shall conduct such inquiry as further described, and produce a report, no  
29 more than 24 months after beginning operations.

### 30 SECTION IV. – ADMINISTRATIVE LOCATIONS – AND OPERATIONS

31           The Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, shall  
32 designate, a representative designee, to be a member of the Special Commission; as noted above,  
33 and provide such resources, experts, and facilitation, as needed.

34           The Commission, shall conduct a series of hearings, across The Commonwealth of  
35 Massachusetts, inviting a wide range of public comment, and asking detailed scientific, and  
36 medical questions, and information.