

**Committee on Public Health**  
**Bill Summary**

**Bill No.** H2508

**Title:** *An Act promoting best practices in youth athletic coaching*

**Sponsor:** Representative Edward R. Philips

**Committee:** Public Health

**Hearing Date:** June 23, 2025

**Similar Matters:** None

**Prior History:** Refile of H2522 of 23-24; Referred to Public Health; Accompanied a new draft, H4565; Reported favorably and referred to House Ways and Means; No further action taken.

**Reporting Deadline:** August 22, 2025

**Current Law:**

- **M.G.L. Chapter 111** pertains to public health.

**Summary:**

This bill amends M.G.L. Chapter 111 by adding a new section, Section 244. Section 244 establishes statewide requirements for municipal youth sports coaches in Massachusetts, mandating annual training on best practices to support athletes' mental health and prevent psychological and physical abuse.

Subsection (a) requires every municipal recreation department in Massachusetts to establish a best practices training curriculum for coaches involved in municipal youth athletic activities. The curriculum must include, but not be limited to, online or in-person training that addresses mental health and the prevention of psychological and physical abuse in youth sports.

Subsection (b) prohibits individuals from coaching youth athletic activities unless they complete the municipality's best practices training annually.