

Committee on Public Health

Bill Summary

Bill No.	H2475
Title:	<i>An Act relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities</i>
Sponsors:	Representative John L. Lawn, Jr.
Committee:	Public Health
Hearing:	April 2, 2025
Similar Matters:	S1533
Prior History:	Re-file of H2137 of 2023-2024; Referred to Public Health Committee; Accompanied by a study order, H4739.
Reporting Deadline:	June 1, 2025

Current Law:

- **Section 54A of Chapter 71** of the General Laws requires a physician employed by a school committee or a person who has completed a full course in emergency medical care to be assigned to every interscholastic football game played by any team representing a public secondary school in the Commonwealth
- **Section 8A of Chapter 69** of the General Laws requires school committees and state charter school boards of trustees to develop a written emergency response plan to address medical and behavioral health crises.
- **105 CMR 201.007** regulates head injury safety training programs

Summary:

This bill allows licensed athletic trainers to be assigned as persons trained in emergency medical care during interscholastic high school football games. This bill also adds athletic trainers to the list of individuals who must receive access to CPR and first aid instruction per the school's emergency response plan.

SECTION 1 amends Section 54A of M.G.L Chapter 71 by requiring a licensed athletic trainer who has completed the annual head injury safety training to be assigned to every interscholastic football game played by any team representing a public secondary school in the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2 further amends Section 54A of M.G.L Chapter 71 by requiring a licensed athletic trainer to be employed at every high school in the Commonwealth offering interscholastic athletic activities by a superintendent or school committee.

SECTION 3 amends Section 8A of M.G.L. Chapter 69 clarifies that each school committee and state charter school board of trustees must include a method of providing athletic trainers with access to CPR and first aid instruction in the school's emergency response plan. This section also adds athletic trainers to the list of individuals the school committee or state charter school board of trustees must consult with in the development of the emergency response plan.