

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Creem**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to conduct a comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ms. Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF ORAL INJURIES IN SCHOOL SPORTS.

*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. The department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a  
2 comprehensive study of oral injuries in school sports. The department shall investigate and  
3 report on the incidence of oral injuries in sports in elementary, middle and high school  
4 children. The department of public health shall collect data on the types of oral injuries,  
5 including but not limited to frequency, severity, identification of high-risk sports, and long term  
6 impact of oral health injuries on young athletes as well as including the types of sports most  
7 frequently associated with such oral injuries. The department of public health shall develop  
8 strategic and legislative recommendations to reduce the incidence of oral injuries in school  
9 sports including the mandatory use of protective mouth gear in all high-risk sports. The  
10 department of public health shall file a report of its study, including its recommendations and  
11 drafts of legislation, with the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before  
12 December 31, 2009.

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