

HOUSE No. 528

By Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, petition of John F. Quinn and others relative to the disclosure of information of interscholastic athletic authorized agents and post season competitions. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John F. Quinn
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC AUTHORIZED AGENTS AND POST SEASON COMPETITIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to
2 the contrary, the school committees of Massachusetts or their autho-
3 rized agents as defined in section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General
4 Laws who are involved in post-regular season interscholastic com-
5 petitions shall be prohibited from allowing their schools who are
6 involved in any post-regular season interscholastic competition in
7 any semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or “superbowl”
8 event from competing on the local school’s home or regular athletic
9 fields or in their home athletic facilities, fieldhouses, etc., if that
10 municipality’s high school athletes are participants in the post-reg-
11 ular season interscholastic competition.

12 This prohibition shall not be construed to mean that the local
13 school’s facilities shall not be used by any other competing team
14 other than the local municipality’s high school athletes if those other
15 secondary school athletes are participants in the post-regular season
16 interscholastic competition.

17 Also, and notwithstanding any general law to the contrary, the
18 school committees of Massachusetts or their authorized agents as
19 defined in section 47 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws who orga-

20 nize any and all post-regular season interscholastic competitions
21 shall report at the end of the school year, but not later than 4 July
22 after the end of the school year, to the Commissioner of the state
23 Department of Education the costs, expenses, contracts, salaries,
24 honorarium, gratuities, and all other financial matters regarding the
25 site selection of all post-regular season interscholastic competition in
26 any semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or “superbowl”
27 event.

28 The Commissioner of the Department of Education shall dis-
29 tribute this report to each school committee in the Commonwealth
30 no later than one week after Labor Day.

31 And be it further ordered and established, that any agents of
32 schools committees in Massachusetts as defined in section 47 of
33 Chapter 71 of the General Laws who are active in the selection,
34 organization, payment, licensing, franchising and arranging the
35 general operations of post-regular season interscholastic competition
36 or event shall report at the end of every school year and/or 30 June
37 whichever occurs first, to the state Commissioner of Education in
38 regard to said post-regular season interscholastic competitive events.
39 Said end of school year report shall include a schedule of costs
40 attributable to procuring all sites for post-regular season inter-
41 scholastic competition in any semi-final or final round tournament,
42 playoff or “superbowl” event; a schedule of expenses, including
43 itemized salaries, itemized honorarium, itemized travel expenses,
44 itemized meal expenses, and any and all costs and expenses that are
45 either paid and/or due but are incurred in the organization of these
46 events. Said report should also include cost of securing a venue, gate
47 receipts, concession revenue and cost of security.

48 Deferred costs, salaries, retirement plans or any expenses of
49 agents of schools committees in Massachusetts as defined in section
50 47 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws who are active in the selec-
51 tion, organization, payment, licensing, franchising and arranging the
52 general operations of post-regular season interscholastic competition
53 or events shall be reported to the Commissioner of Education as out-
54 standing liabilities.

55 This end of school year report to the Commissioner of Education
56 shall also include both a statement of applicability and determining
57 criterion for site selection of post-regular season interscholastic
58 competition in any semi-final or final round tournament, playoff or

59 “superbowl” event and a written review of the site selection process,
60 and final evaluation and scoring that determined the selection of
61 those particular sites chosen for any of these post-regular season
62 interscholastic competition at the secondary school level.

63 Further, and in conjunction with the school committees of the
64 Commonwealth, the Commissioner of the Department of Education
65 shall survey, compile, publish, and make available to the school
66 committees of the Commonwealth an annual evaluation of all avail-
67 able athletic facilities in the school districts of the Commonwealth
68 that are available for post-regular season interscholastic competition.
69 This evaluation process by the Commissioner of the Department of
70 Education shall be begun at the end of each school year, but not later
71 than 30 June, and shall incorporate the most current available data
72 including the data submitted to the Commissioner of the state
73 Department of Education from the school committees and their
74 authorized agents as referenced in the preceding paragraphs and
75 related to post-regular season interscholastic competition.

76 This evaluation shall be continuously and annually updated and
77 shall be distributed to each school committee in the Commonwealth
78 within sixty days of its completion, but no later than the first
79 Monday of December in each school year.