

By Mr. Sullivan of Braintree, petition of Joseph C. Sullivan for legislation to further regulate physical education requirements in the public schools. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 fifth sentence the following:—
4 Instruction in physical education shall consist of at least sixty
5 clock hours each academic year for grades one to ten. Instruction
6 in health education shall not be a credit toward or substitute for
7 such physical education requirements; provided, however that no
8 waivers shall be granted; provided, further, that a portion of state
9 aid in an amount to be determined by the commissioner of educa-
10 tion shall be withheld from any public school system which fails
11 to provide such minimum instruction; and, provided, further, that
12 such withholding shall continue until the commissioner certifies
13 compliance with such minimum instruction.

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