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SENATE . . . . . No. 689

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the utilization of public health benefits by large employers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 689) of John F. Keenan for legislation to utilize public health benefits by large employers. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *631* OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to the utilization of public health benefits by large employers.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 23 the following section:-

Section 24. The Center shall annually prepare a public health program beneficiary employer report. For the purposes of this section, a "public health program beneficiary" shall mean a person who receives medical assistance or medical benefits, or who receives assistance through the health safety net trust fund, under chapter 118E of the General Laws.

The report shall provide the following information for each employer of 50 or more public health program beneficiaries: (1) the name and address of the employer; (2) the number of public health program beneficiaries who are employees of the employer; (3) the number of public health program beneficiaries who are spouses or dependents of employees of the

employer; (4) whether the employer offers health benefits to its employees; and (5) the cost to the Commonwealth of providing public health program benefits for their employees and enrolled dependents.

The report shall not include the names of any individual public health access program beneficiaries and shall be subject to privacy standards pursuant to Public Law 104-191, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

The report shall be submitted annually on February 1 to the clerks of the house and the senate, to the joint committee on health care financing, and to the house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 62E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “and”.

SECTION 3. Said section 3 of said chapter 62E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “commonwealth”, in line 14, the following subparagraph:-

; and (4) for the purpose of assisting the center for health information and analysis in preparing a public health program beneficiary employer report