

**SENATE . . . . . No. 664**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sonia Chang-Diaz***

*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 primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/7/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>5/9/2019</i>

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 664) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Thomas M. Stanley, Mary S. Keefe, Daniel M. Donahue and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 608 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out Section 25N¾ and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section:-

4           Section 25N¾. (a) There shall be established a primary care workforce development and  
5 loan forgiveness grant program at community health centers for the purpose of enhancing  
6 recruitment and retention of primary care physicians and other clinicians at community health  
7 centers throughout the commonwealth. The grant program shall be administered by the  
8 department of public health; provided, that the department may contract with an organization to

9 administer the grant program. This program shall ensure the continuation of state-level loan  
10 repayment for clinicians at community health centers.

11 (b) The program shall be funded, as in previous years, through expenditures from the  
12 Health Care Workforce Transformation Fund, established in Section 2FFFF of Chapter 29 of the  
13 General Laws.