

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1316**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas M. Stanley***

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>

<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>4/29/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>5/20/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>6/7/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>6/7/2021</i>

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By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1316) of Thomas M. Stanley and others for legislation to establish a primary care physician workforce development and loan forgiveness grant program to be administered by the Department of Public Health. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1196 OF 2019-2020.]

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—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 25N¾ and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

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

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