

HOUSE No. 2309

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tami L. Gouveia

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 to advance health and well-being for all Massachusetts residents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>

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By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2309) of Tami L. Gouveia for legislation to require state agencies to adopt, measure, and report on well-being and climate mitigation measures across sectors for future programs and policies at the state level. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to advance health and well-being for all Massachusetts residents.

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. Notwithstanding any special law to the contrary, the Secretaries of Labor
2 and Workforce Development, Energy and Environmental Affairs, Housing and Economic
3 Development, Education, Transportation, Health and Human Services, Public Safety and
4 Security shall adopt a framework of health and well-being consistent with the definitions
5 provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Healthy People 2030
6 definitions and goals to advance equitable health and well-being among all residents of
7 Massachusetts. Each Secretariat shall develop a plan to mitigate climate change and measure
8 well-being, well-being adjusted life years, and other measures recommended by the National
9 Committee of Health and Vital Statistics.

10 SECTION 2. Each Secretariat shall use well-being measures to: (a) develop and
11 implement plans that contribute to mitigating climate change and advancing equitable health and
12 well-being across the state overall; (b) identify improvement needs and equity gaps relevant to

13 the mission of their Executive Office and of the state overall as it relates to climate change and
14 equitable well-being; (c) guide assessments, decision making, evaluation of outcomes of
15 programs and policies impacting climate change mitigation an equitable health and well-being at
16 the state level. Each Secretariat shall conduct at least one public hearing to gather resident input
17 in the development of these plans.

18 SECTION 3. Within one year of the effective date of this act, initial plans to meet the
19 requirements of sections 1 and 2 of this bill shall be submitted by each Secretariat to the house
20 clerk, senate clerk, and Joint Committee on Public Health. Annual reports, including relevant
21 data, updates to the Secretariat's plan, and progress and setbacks in meeting stated goals shall be
22 provided to the house clerk, senate clerk, and Joint Committee on Public Health every year after
23 this initial filing, with reports due by December 31st of each calendar year.

24 SECTION 4. Data, plans, and reports shall be shared with residents of the
25 Commonwealth in a user-friendly format, including, but not limited to, on each Secretariat's
26 website, via public meetings held virtually or in communities across the Commonwealth, in
27 social media posts, and in local and state newspapers.