

SENATE No. 744

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>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>4/25/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>4/26/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>6/2/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>6/9/2021</i>

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 744) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Michael D. Brady, Brendan P. Crighton, Michael O. Moore 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 664 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 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 through expenditures from the Health Care Workforce
12 Transformation Fund, established in section 2FFFF of chapter 29 of the General Laws.