

SENATE No. 777

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 promoting workforce development and provider retention at community health centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2021</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>6/3/2021</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>6/11/2021</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 777) of John F. Keenan, Brendan P. Crighton, Diana DiZoglio, Christina A. Minicucci and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote workforce development and provider retention at community health centers. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 690 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act promoting workforce development and provider retention 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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 79. The division shall establish a community health center Nurse Practitioner
4 residency program for the purposes of recruiting and retaining Nurse Practitioners at community
5 health centers in order to increase access to high-quality community-based primary and
6 preventative care.

7 These programs shall:

8 (i) Provide a 24- month post-graduate residency program, administered by community
9 health centers, defined as community health centers receiving a grant under 42 USC 254b, for
10 certified Nurse Practitioners who have graduated from an accredited school of nursing within the
11 past three years;

12 (ii) Provide Nurse Practitioners in the program with patient panels under the supervision
13 and mentorship of a physician or other Advanced Practice Registered Nurse at a community
14 health center, and;

15 (iii) Encourage Nurse Practitioners to continue careers in primary care or other fields at
16 community health centers.

17 Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to conflict with, replace, or supersede any
18 licensure requirements or standards for the advanced nursing practice established pursuant to
19 chapters 94C or 112.

20 SECTION 2. The division shall make expenditures of no less than \$2,500,000 annually to
21 this program and shall seek federal Medicaid reimbursement for this program as graduate
22 medical education.

23 SECTION 3. The division shall promulgate regulations to implement said program,
24 including program details and grant guidelines as necessary, no later than six months after the
25 passage of this act.