

**SENATE . . . . . No. 757**

**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>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Pavel Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2023</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>4/27/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>5/22/2023</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 757) of John F. Keenan, John J. Cronin, Rodney M. Elliott, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote workforce development and provider retention at community health centers. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 777 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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 2020 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3           Section 80. 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, preventative  
6 and integrated 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 health  
14 center; and

15 (iii) Require nurse practitioners that participate in the 24-month residency program enter  
16 into a contract with the community health center for at least eighteen months of employment.

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.