

# Kids First

## "Kids First" A Multi-Year Initiative to Identify and Support Innovative Strategies to Invest in Massachusetts' Children

### Summary

- 1 "Kids First" will take a comprehensive and interdisciplinary look at a wide variety of policy areas which relate to supporting children, such as education, nutrition, public health, housing, and workforce development.
- 2 The first phase of the initiative will focus on early childhood development from prenatal through the fourth grade. The group of nine senators is led by Senator DiDomenico, and will seek out input on best-in-the-nation practices to support children, and will make budget and policy recommendations to support their findings.
- 3 Kids First will not only explore and identify the best practices and investments it can make for our children today, it will also pinpoint the long-term actions that will put generations of children on the path to a productive adulthood.



## The Kids First Initiative is led by Senator Sal N. DiDomenico (D-Everett)



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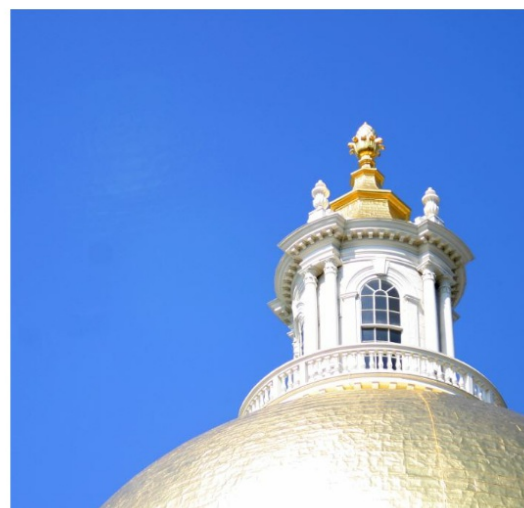
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## STATUS



## On-Going

Massachusetts has long been a leader in education, public health, and innovation. However, when it comes to ensuring that all our children have a chance to succeed, there is still work that remains to be done and Kids First will work towards meeting these goals.

# RESPONSE



"The group will collaborate with experts in many fields that will be addressed in this initiative to develop a comprehensive, long-term strategy that will provide all Massachusetts children with the tools they need to be successful now and in the future."

*Allston, Wicked Local*

"Senate launches initiative to improve lives of children looking at everything from education and nutrition to public health, housing and workforce development for ways to help the state's youngest residents."

*Associated Press, The Washington Times*



# INFOGRAPHICS



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## Kids First will:

- Take an inter-disciplinary look at policy areas which relate to supporting children, such as education, nutrition, public health, housing, and workforce development.
- Consist of a group of nine senators, led by Senator Sal DiDomenico, researching best-in-the-nation practices.
- Will focus on childhood development from prenatal through the fourth grade.
- Make budget and policy recommendations based on their findings to provide a blueprint for smart long term investments.