

HOUSE No. 2401

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jon Santiago

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 a kidney disease prevention and education task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>

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By Mr. Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2401) of Jon Santiago and others for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to create health education programs to reduce the burden of kidney disease. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to a kidney disease prevention and education task force.

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. (a) The department of public health shall establish a Kidney Disease
2 Prevention and Education Task Force.

3 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members or a designee: The House and
4 Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Health, who shall serve as co-chairs, and 12
5 members to be appointed by the co-chairs, 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of public health
6 or their designee, 1 of whom shall be from the National Kidney Foundation New England, 2 of
7 whom shall be kidney patients, 2 of whom shall represent minority public health organizations, 1
8 of whom shall represent a community health clinic, 1 of whom shall represent a not-for-profit
9 organ procurement organization, 1 of whom shall represent the Nephrology Department at Mass
10 General Brigham, 1 of whom shall represent the Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 of whom shall
11 represent the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1 of whom shall represent a private health plan, 1
12 of whom shall represent Masshealth.

13 (c) The task force shall:

14 (1) Examine chronic kidney disease, transplantation, living and deceased kidney
15 donation, and the existing disparity in the rates of those afflicted between Caucasians and
16 minorities.

17 (2) Examine ways to reduce the occurrence of chronic kidney disease by controlling the
18 most common risk factors, diabetes and hypertension, through early detection and preventive
19 efforts at the community level and disease management efforts in the primary care setting.

20 (3) Identify current barriers to adoption of best practices and potential policy options to
21 address these barriers.

22 (4) Develop a sustainable cost-effective plan for prevention, early screening, diagnosis,
23 and treatment of chronic kidney disease.

24 (5) Develop a sustainable plan to raise awareness about early detection and prevention
25 while promoting health equity.

26 (6) Work directly with policymakers, public health entities, and educational institutions
27 to create health education programs to reduce the burden of kidney disease throughout the State,
28 which shall include an ongoing campaign that includes health education workshops and
29 seminars, relevant research, and preventive screenings and that promotes social media campaigns
30 and TV and radio commercials.

31 (7) Examine the potential for an opt-out donor registry.

32 (d) The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations on or
33 before December 31, 2023 to the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives.