

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1946**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Gloria L. Fox*

*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 implementation of a statewide Type 2 diabetes prevention program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Fox of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1946) of Gloria L. Fox, Chris Walsh and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to establish a statewide program to promote prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Type 2 diabetes. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1956 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the implementation of a statewide Type 2 diabetes prevention program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           There is hereby established and set up a special program in preventing the spread of Type  
2 2 Diabetes (especially for children) in the Commonwealth.

3           The Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Program is designed to improve treatment and outcomes  
4 for people with diabetes (especially children), to promote early diagnosis, and to prevent the  
5 onset of diabetes. Its mission is to eliminate the preventable burden of diabetes through  
6 leadership, research, programs, and policies that translate science into practice. Program  
7 activities are directed to these audiences: the general public; people with diabetes and their  
8 families; health care providers; and payers and purchasers of health care medication for Diabetes.

9           The creation of this prevention program shall consist of all (such as healthcare providers,  
10 physicians, hospitals, community health centers, medical practitioners, home healthcare  
11 providers and or any organizations that provide health care) to devise a program.

12           The program shall take into account the best policies and practices in other states and  
13 jurisdictions, particularly, but not limited to the Department of Public Health (DPH), Centers for  
14 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) & American Disease Association (ADA) conduct applied  
15 translational research for their agency (and or practice).

16           This research should identify in detail the public health implications of results from  
17 clinical trials and scientific studies and effectively and efficiently applies these findings in the  
18 health care system. Areas of research should include (1) access to quality care for diabetes,  
19 especially within managed care organizations; (2) early detection of undiagnosed diabetes; (3)  
20 cost effectiveness of diabetes prevention and control activities; (4) effectiveness of health  
21 practices to address risk factors for diabetes; and (5) demonstration of primary prevention of type  
22 2 diabetes (6)school based awareness programs for guide to early detection.

23           The Department of Public Health (DPH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
24 (CDC) & American Disease Association (ADA) shall assist in the funding and programming  
25 needed to accomplish these goals. With the implantation this program it will help in tracking,  
26 processing and engagement. (1) Increase diabetes preventive behaviors; (2) Improve the access  
27 to effective lifestyle interventions; (3) Enhance and improve community and environmental  
28 strategies to prevent diabetes; (4) Improve the health behavior and self management practices of  
29 people with diabetes; (5) Enhance and improve the access and delivery of effective preventive  
30 health care services; (6) Enhance and improve community and environmental strategies to

31 support people with Type 2 diabetes; (6) Improve the science of health and health care disparities  
32 related to diabetes; (7) Prioritize and disseminate public health strategies to eliminate disparities;  
33 (8) Build capacity for communication, evaluation, marketing, policy, and partnerships of a  
34 statewide campaign(9) and creation of Pharmacists partnership as public health enhancers with  
35 collaboration with health providers to enhance awareness and assist in reduction of medical care  
36 cost.

37 Prevention program must be administered by someone licensed in the medical field  
38 whom also has a high level of cultural and language competences, as they will administer  
39 trainings for children, youth, families and medical staff on ways to address the issues people  
40 (specially children) faces on type 2 diabetes from disfranchised homes. Each Prevention Program  
41 shall be empowered to annually complete one of the following (1) hold monthly public meetings,  
42 (2) fact-finding hearings and other public forums (3) campaign for diabetes prevention efforts  
43 (especially type 2), (4) monthly community outreach/social events; (5) yearly resource fair with  
44 related prevention stakeholders for 300 people or more. The program will help each person  
45 create a prevention strategy molded to fit their own cultural background and medical history.

46 In efforts to provide comprehensive prevention and treatment programs in communities  
47 throughout the commonwealth of MA, all programs should be reviewed yearly by Department of  
48 Public Health (DPH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) & American Disease  
49 Association (ADA) for effective input for program development. The agency will then use this  
50 information to determine future action in regards to the program.