

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1788**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Josh S. Cutler*

*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 establishing a behavioral health workforce development trust fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1788) of Josh S. Cutler, James M. Cantwell and Thomas J. Calter relative to establishing a behavioral health workforce development trust fund. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)

An Act establishing a behavioral health workforce development trust fund.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be  
2 established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the  
3 Massachusetts Behavioral Health Workforce Development Trust Fund to which shall be credited  
4 any appropriations, bond proceeds or other monies authorized by the general court and  
5 specifically designated to be credited thereto, and additional funds, including federal grants or  
6 loans or private donations. Any balance in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall be available  
7 for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the General Fund.

8 Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended for the purposes or providing  
9 competitive grant system for clinical supervision services of behavior health providers and to  
10 enhance professional development opportunities in the mental health field.

11 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Workforce Development Trust Fund  
12 shall be comprised of the following: the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health or

13 designee, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health or designee; two representatives  
14 each from the Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association and the National  
15 Association of Social Workers; and one representative each from the Association for Behavioral  
16 Health, and the Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems.