

SENATE No. 2567

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

SENATE, June 20, 2018

The committee on Rules to whom was referred the Senate Resolve relative to sexual assault counselor task force (Senate, No. 1241),-- reports, that the matter be placed on the orders of the Day for the next session, with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2567).

For the committee,
Mark C. Montigny

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Resolve relative to sexual assault counselor task force.

1 Resolved, that there shall be a task force to make recommendations on establishing
2 statewide certification and to update training standards for sexual assault counselors.

3 The task force shall consist of the commissioner of the department of public health or a
4 designee, who shall serve as chair; 1 member designated by the governor’s council, who shall
5 address sexual assault and domestic violence issues; 1 member designated by Pathways for
6 Change, Inc.; 1 member designated by Boston Area Rape Crisis Center; 1 member designated by
7 the Center for Hope & Healing; 1 member from the Victim Rights Law Center, Inc.; 1 member
8 designated by Jane Doe, Inc.; 1 member from the Massachusetts office of victim assistance; and
9 1 member who shall be a sexual assault survivor designated by consensus of Pathways for
10 Change, Inc., the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and the Center for Hope & Healing .

11 The task force shall make recommendations on: (i) updating the statutory definitions of
12 “rape crisis center” and “sexual assault counsellor” in section 20J of chapter 233 of the general
13 laws; (ii) the curriculum and number of training hours required for certification of rape crisis
14 center and program employees; (iii) the curriculum and number of training hours required for
15 volunteer positions; (iv) the appropriateness of “levels” of certification and corresponding

16 criteria for each; (v) a fee structure for certification; (vi) the feasibility of and costs associated
17 with establishing and maintaining licensure of rape crisis centers; and (vii) the feasibility of
18 providing continuing education and college credits with the completion of training programs.

19 The task force shall submit a report outlining its findings, along with any proposed
20 legislation, to the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives and to the chairs of the
21 senate and house committees on ways and means not later than 12 months after the effective date
22 of this act.