

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 980**

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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 relative to funding the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Trust Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 980) of Josh S. Cutler, James M. Cantwell and Thomas J. Calter relative to funding the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Trust Fund. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to funding the 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 2FFFF of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 224 of the  
2 Acts of 2012 is hereby amended by inserting after clause j the following new section:-

3           “The secretary may also designate up to 10 per cent of available funds to be transferred  
4 by the comptroller to the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Trust Fund to develop,  
5 support and promote professional development opportunities in the mental health field. The  
6 secretary shall only designate funds for this purpose to the extent that the Behavioral Health  
7 Workforce Development Trust Fund does not receive adequate funding in the annual  
8 appropriations bill approved by the general court.”