

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1704**

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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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/8/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>

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By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1704) of Josh S. Cutler and Mathew J. Muratore relative to establishing a behavioral health workforce development trust fund. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1062 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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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 of creating and  
9 providing a competitive grant system available to mental health services agencies for the clinical  
10 supervision of behavioral health providers-in-training pursuing licensure as LMHCs, LICSWs

11 and other MA-level, mandated, licensed behavioral health providers; and to enhance professional  
12 development opportunities in the mental health field.

13 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Workforce Development Trust Fund  
14 shall be comprised of the following: the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health or  
15 designee, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health or designee; two representatives  
16 each from the Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association and the National  
17 Association of Social Workers; and one representative each from the Association for Behavioral  
18 Health, and the Massachusetts Association of Behavioral Health Systems.