

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3897**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero*

*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 training of higher education counselors in PTSD.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2019</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>6/5/2019</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/6/2019</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the training of higher education counselors in PTSD.

*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. Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 34A the following section:-

3 Section 34B. Unless otherwise prohibited by any general or special law to the contrary,  
4 the University of Massachusetts medical school shall develop a continuing education program  
5 for clinical and non-clinical counselors serving institutions within the system of public  
6 institutions of higher education established pursuant to section 5 of chapter 15A. The program  
7 shall include education on the following subjects: (i) military culture and its influence on service  
8 member and veteran psychology; (ii) deployment cycle stressors as they impact campus life for  
9 students who are service members and veterans; (iii) outreach strategies for administrative, non-  
10 clinical and clinical services; (iv) symptoms of depression, suicide, deployment-related,  
11 insomnia, substance use, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and available resources and methods  
12 of referral.

13           SECTION 2. The University of Massachusetts medical school shall: (i) develop the  
14 continuing education program, including the curriculum thereof, required by section 34B of  
15 chapter 75 of the General Laws within 180 days after passage of this act; and (2) conduct  
16 training and education for clinical and non-clinical counselors serving institutions within the  
17 system of public institutions of higher education within 545 days after passage of this act.