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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:
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*2/18/2021*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*2/24/2021*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*	*3/1/2021*

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3635) of James Arciero, Sheila C. Harrington and Colleen M. Garry that the University of Massachusetts medical school develop a continuing education program for counselors at public institutions of higher education regarding post traumatic stress disorder and other service member and veteran related issues. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3897* OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 34A the following section:-

Section 34B. Unless otherwise prohibited by any general or special law to the contrary, the University of Massachusetts medical school shall develop a continuing education program for clinical and non-clinical counselors serving institutions within the system of public institutions of higher education established pursuant to section 5 of chapter 15A. The program shall include education on the following subjects: (i) military culture and its influence on service member and veteran psychology; (ii) deployment cycle stressors as they impact campus life for students who are service members and veterans; (iii) outreach strategies for administrative, non-

clinical and clinical services; (iv) symptoms of depression, suicide, deployment-related, insomnia, substance use, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and available resources and methods of referral.

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