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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alan Silvia

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 sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the department of mental health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Alan Silvia	*7th Bristol*	*9/30/2026*

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By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. Public Service.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the department of mental health.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish a sick leave bank for an employee of the department of mental health, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of mental
2 health shall establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the department.
3 Any employee of the department may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or vacation
4 days to the sick leave bank for use by Kimberly Gervais. If Kimberly Gervais terminates
5 employment with the department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time
6 in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank. Sick leave bank
7 days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the
8 establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the department.