**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Bill No. 14*

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Sponsor(s): Senator Trevor Villines

**Counseling and Psychological Services Training Funding Act of 2017**

Whereas, Approximately 42,773 Americans commit suicide every year[[1]](#footnote-1) ; and

Whereas, Two-thirds of students who are struggling do not seek treatment for mental health related concerns1 ; and

Whereas, Suicide is the number two leading cause of death among those ages 15-34[[2]](#footnote-2) ;and

Whereas, Mental Health issues have had a tremendous effect at the University of Arkansas in the 2016-2017 school year; and

Whereas, Faculty and Staff at the University of Arkansas are often underprepared to deal with and report mental health issues that students may be experiencing; and

Whereas, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is in the process of implementing training for faculty and staff regarding student mental health issues; and

Whereas, CAPS is planning to have approximately 400 participants in the aforementioned Mental Health Training; and

Whereas, CAPS is needing to purchase supplies including: folders with CAPS Branding ($2.00 each), Mental Health Stickers ($.50 each), Official Bookmarks ($.50 each), UA Cares Mental Health Materials ($2.00 each); then

Be it further resolved: Associated Student Government Senate approve a motion to cover (up to $2000.00) the cost from the Senate Unallocated Programming Expense Budget (line 50) of the ASG Budget in order to cover the cost of providing said materials and supplies needed by CAPS to conduct this training; and

Be it further resolved: The relevant expenses from this training be transferred no later than June 15th, 2017 to provide adequate time for Office of Student Activities Staff to make the necessary transactions.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye Nay Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed Failed­ Other

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Will Watkins, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Connor Flocks, ASG President Date

1. http://college.usatoday.com/2016/01/30/mental-health-by-the-numbers/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Center for Disease Control [↑](#footnote-ref-2)