

HOUSE No. 172

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to a study of health and human service programs in the commonwealth..

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. The executive office of health and human services shall conduct a
2 comprehensive study of trends in human service programs and shall examine all services
3 provided by the commonwealth to evaluate which populations have the greatest need for
4 services, to what degree those populations are served by the programs created as well as by other
5 existing services, and shall develop strategies for serving all underserved segments of the
6 population.

7 The study shall also include program density throughout the commonwealth and the
8 fiscal impact of these programs on cities and towns.

9 In addition the executive of health and human services working with the department of
10 public safety shall review program evaluations, certifications and program standards and make
11 recommendations on needed program change.

12 The office and department shall issue a report to the general court of its study by filing
13 same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before December 31, 2009.