

SENATE No. 2137

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to regional transit authorities..

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary there shall be a
2 special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of transferring employees of all
3 regional transit authorities into the coverage of the group insurance commission as well as
4 providing for authorities established under Chapter 161B of the MGL's a means to directly
5 operate a mass transportation service.

6 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of the following members as follows: the
7 Secretary of Administration & Finance or their designee, the Secretary of Transportation or their
8 designee, the Executive Director of the Regional Transit Authorities, a representative from the
9 regional transit authorities employees union, a representative from the group insurance
10 commission, two members of the senate to be appointed by the Senate President, one member of
11 the senate to be appointed by the Senate minority leader, two members of the House of
12 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, one member of the House of
13 Representatives to be appointed by the House minority leader.

14 SECTION 3. The secretary for administration and finance shall lead said study, which
15 shall examine the costs and benefits of moving employees of all regional transit authorities to the
16 coverage of the group insurance commission as well as the cost and benefits of maintaining said
17 employees in their current health insurance system and comparing said findings. Additionally the
18 commission shall research the feasibility of repealing provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 161B
19 of the MGL's relative to the operating of mass transportation service. Said secretary shall report
20 in writing the findings and recommendations of said study or studies to the house and senate
21 committees on ways and means not later than December 1, 2010.