

SENATE No. 750

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act providing for a study of the central intake for the placement of substance abusers in treatment facilities..

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 the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the executive office of health and human services shall conduct a study relative to the
3 utilization of the central intake to place those with substance abuse and/or addiction needs in
4 treatment facilities.

5 Said study shall determine whether said operations and procedures are adequate and
6 necessary. In making said determination, said office shall take into account the following,
7 without limitation: the impact of said central intake on those with substance abuse and/or
8 addiction problems and their families who utilize said central intake; the impact of said central
9 intake on those with substance abuse and/or addiction problems and their families who do not
10 utilize said central intake; the impact of said central intake on those treatment facilities who
11 utilize said central intake; the impact of said central intake on those treatment facilities who do
12 not utilize said central intake. Said report shall contain the following, without limitation:

13 detailed analysis of the aforementioned impacts; a detailed program evaluation; and a conclusion
14 that includes a recommendation for the improvement or elimination of said central intake.

15 Said study shall make the appropriate recommendations for any corrective action
16 consistent with the goal of increasing access for those with substance abuse and/or addiction
17 needs to the necessary treatment facilities.

18 Results of said study shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of
19 representatives and the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse not later than
20 December 31, 2010