

HOUSE No. 172

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Pam Richardson

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and 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 comprehensive
2 study of trends in human service programs and shall examine all services provided by the commonwealth
3 to evaluate which populations have the greatest need for services, to what degree those populations are
4 served by the programs created as well as by other existing services, and shall develop strategies for
5 serving all underserved segments of the population.
- 6 The study shall also include program density throughout the commonwealth and the fiscal impact of these
7 programs on cities and towns.
- 8 In addition the executive of health and human services working with the department of public safety shall
9 review program evaluations, certifications and program standards and make recommendations on needed
10 program change.
- 11 The office and department shall issue a report to the general court of its study by filing same with the
12 clerk of the house of representatives on or before December 31, 2009.