

SENATE NO. 1138

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 contrary, the
2 executive office of health and human services shall conduct a study relative to the utilization of
3 the central intake to place those with substance abuse and/or addiction needs in treatment
4 facilities.
5 Said study shall determine whether said operations and procedures are adequate and necessary.
6 In making said determination, said office shall take into account the following, without
7 limitation: the impact of said central intake on those with substance abuse and/or addiction
8 problems and their families who utilize said central intake; the impact of said central intake on
9 those with substance abuse and/or addiction problems and their families who do not utilize said
10 central intake; the impact of said central intake on those treatment facilities who utilize said
11 central intake; the impact of said central intake on those treatment facilities who do not utilize
12 said central intake. Said report shall contain the following, without limitation: detailed analysis

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

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

18 Results of said study shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and
19 the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse not later than December 31, 2007.