

SENATE NO. 1139

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PARENTAL NOTICE OF THE TREATMENT OF MINORS FOR DRUG OVERDOSES

*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. Section 12F of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 37 and 38, the words “minor or a proper
3 judicial order” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- minor, a proper judicial
4 order or in case of treatment for a drug overdose, as defined by department of public health
5 regulation.

6 SECTION 2. Said chapter 112, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting
7 after section 12F the following section:-

8 Section 12F ½ . Any physician or hospital that treats a person 17 years of age or
9 younger for a drug overdose, as defined by department of public health regulation, shall notify
10 the minor’s parents or legal guardians of the overdose as part of the discharge planning process
11 for the minor. The notification shall only be made in a meeting including the treating clinician
12 and the minor’s parents or guardian. The treating clinician shall provide the parents or legal
13 guardians with the current contact information for the bureau of substance abuse services within

14 the department of public health and the substance abuse hotline operated by the department of
15 public health.

16 SECTION 3. Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, the department of public
17 health shall promulgate a regulation defining the words “drug overdose”.

18 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect 90 days from passage.