

HOUSE No. 01859

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 the closure of certain DDS facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Anne M. Gobi

5th Worcester

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6th Worcester

Matthew Beaton

11th Worcester

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1859) of Beaton and others that the Secretary of Administration and Finance study of the reductions and closings of the Glavin Regional Center, the Monson Development Center and the Templeton Development Center Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the closure of certain DDS 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 any general or special law to the contrary, the Secretary of
2 Administration and Finance shall complete a study of the reductions and closings of the Glavin
3 Regional Center, the Monson Development Center and the Templeton Development Center,
4 including intensive individual supports, for the purpose of closing those state institutions;
5 provided further, that no steps shall be taken to close said institutions through layoffs until the
6 study is completed; provided further, that the study shall examine the costs and benefits of
7 maintaining the institutions and shall identify alternative methods of providing the services
8 currently provided by those institutions; provided further, that the study shall identify the number
9 and names of all private nonprofit vendors who contract with the department to provide direct
10 care in the community, the amount of state and federal resources paid to those vendors in fiscal
11 years 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the amount of clients served by these private nonprofit vendors

12 in each of those fiscal years; provided further, that nothing in this item shall preclude an
13 individual from exercising his rights to transfer to a community based residential placement
14 either state or vendor operated; provided further, that the secretary shall report its findings in and
15 its recommendations to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than
16 December 1, 2011.