

HOUSE No. 03802

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 354, a Bill creating a scholarship fund to further the study of developmental disabilities (House, No. 3802). November 10, 2011.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act creating a scholarship fund to further the study of developmental disabilities.

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. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to provide
2 for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements of law,
3 the sum set forth in this section is hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically
4 designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions
5 specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for
6 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. This sum shall be in addition to any amounts previously
7 appropriated and made available for the purposes of this item.

8 XXXX – XXXX For the Fred Boyce, State Boys, and Residents of Fernald School
9 Scholarship Fund established in section 2 of this act\$380,000

10 SECTION 2. (a) There shall be a scholarship fund to be known as the Fred Boyce, State Boys,
11 and the Residents of Fernald School Scholarship Fund, hereinafter referred to as the scholarship

12 fund. Two scholarships shall be awarded each year to students who are studying in areas related
13 to developmental disabilities; one to a student at the graduate school of social work at Salem
14 State University and one to a student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School at
15 Worcester. Each scholarship shall be funded by the scholarship fund and shall cover the total
16 cost of tuition and fees required to obtain a degree.

17 The scholarship fund shall be administered by the board of higher education. The board shall
18 promulgate guidelines governing the scholarship fund. The guidelines shall include, but need not
19 be limited to, procedures for selecting participants among eligible applicants, and measures to
20 deal with situations in which a participant ceases to comply with program requirements.

21 (b) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to
22 be known as the Fred Boyce, State Boys, and Residents of Fernald School Scholarship Fund,
23 hereinafter referred to as the fund, to which shall be credited any appropriations or other monies
24 authorized by the general court and designated to be credited thereto. The board of higher
25 education shall hold the fund in an account separate from other funds or accounts. Amounts
26 credited to the fund shall be used, without further appropriation, by the commissioner of higher
27 education to carry out the fund established in this section.

28 (c) The board of higher education shall annually file a report with the joint committee on higher
29 education, the joint committee on children, families, and persons with disabilities, and the house
30 and senate committees on ways and means detailing the scholarships awarded under this section.