

HOUSE No. 1065

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1065) of Tom Sannicandro and others for legislation to create a scholarship fund to further the study of developmental disabilities. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1079 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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
2 provide for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements
3 of law, the sum set forth in this section is hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless
4 specifically designated otherwise in this section, for the several purposes and subject to the
5 conditions specified in this section, and subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
6 funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. This sum shall be in addition to any amounts
7 previously 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
11 Boys, and the Residents of Fernald School Scholarship Fund, hereinafter referred to as the
12 scholarship fund. Two scholarships shall be awarded each year to students who are studying in
13 areas related to developmental disabilities; one to a student at the graduate school of social work
14 at Salem State University and one to a student at the University of Massachusetts Medical
15 School at Worcester. Each scholarship shall be funded by the scholarship fund and shall cover
16 the total cost of tuition and fees required to obtain a degree.

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

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

29 (c) The board of higher education shall annually file a report with the joint committee on
30 higher education, the joint committee on children, families, and persons with disabilities, and the

31 house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the scholarships awarded under this
32 section.