HOUSE No. 3802

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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 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, 2012. This sum shall be in addition to any amounts 7 previously appropriated and made available for the purposes of this item. 8 For the Fred Boyce, State Boys, and Residents of Fernald School XXXX – XXXX 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

School at Worcester. Each scholarship shall be funded by the scholarship fund and shall cover the total cost of tuition and fees required to obtain a degree.

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

- (b) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Fred Boyce, State Boys, and Residents of Fernald School Scholarship Fund, hereinafter referred to as the fund, to which shall be credited any appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and designated to be credited thereto. The board of higher education shall hold the fund in an account separate from other funds or accounts. Amounts credited to the fund shall be used, without further appropriation, by the commissioner of higher education to carry out the fund established in this section.
- (c) The board of higher education shall annually file a report with the joint committee on higher education, the joint committee on children, families, and persons with disabilities, and the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the scholarships awarded under this section.