

HOUSE No. 3482

By Mr. Sullivan of Norwood, petition of Gregory W. Sullivan relative to state assistance for the cost of certain special education placements. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE ASSISTANCE FOR THE COST OF CERTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The first paragraph of section 5A of chapter 71B, as added by
2 section 124 of chapter 351 of the acts of 1981, is hereby amended
3 by striking the final sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:

5 The Commonwealth shall pay a portion of the difference
6 between the residential program rate established by the rate setting
7 commission and the day program rate. For annual total costs of
8 a residential program for a child, in no case shall the
9 commonwealth be required to pay less than sixty per cent of the
10 first forty thousand dollars of said costs, nor less than seventy per
11 cent of the next ten thousand dollars of said costs, nor less than
12 eighty per cent of the next ten thousand dollars of said costs, nor
13 less than ninety per cent of any additional amount of said costs.

14 Nor shall the Commonwealth be required to pay less than
15 seventy per cent of the amount the costs of a residential program
16 for a child who exceeds one per cent of the local education
17 authority's total annual operating budget, nor less than eighty per
18 cent of the amount said costs exceed two per cent of its total
19 annual operating budget, nor less than ninety per cent of the
20 amount said costs exceed three per cent of its total annual
21 operating budget.

