

By Mr. Keating, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1575) of William R. Keating, Louis L. Kafka and Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to establish the SAFE (Students Assisting Families Everywhere) program. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SAFE (STUDENTS ASSISTING FAMILIES EVERYWHERE) PROGRAM.

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

1 There shall be established in the department of the state
2 secretary a program to be known as Students Assisting Families
3 Everywhere (SAFE). The program shall be administered under
4 the direction of the state secretary through the Massachusetts
5 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Associations, Affiliate Members of Big
6 Brothers/Big Sisters of America, their agents or affiliates (here-
7 inafter the "Association"). The program shall provide scholar-
8 ships of up to one thousand dollars to participating students who
9 provide a one year commitment to be positive role models for at-
10 risk boys and girls. The scholarship monies shall be paid directly
11 to a participating student's college or university. The program
12 shall also reimburse the Association in an amount not to exceed
13 one thousand dollars per participating student, for program costs
14 associated with the selection, training and monitoring of the par-
15 ticipating students and children.

16 The state secretary may receive grants, gifts, contributions and
17 bequests from individuals, foundations and from federal, state
18 and other governmental bodies, including all federal monies the
19 Commonwealth receives through the National and Community
20 Service Trusts Act (citation to federal law), to fund the program.
21 The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds so received
22 and such funds shall be expended by the state secretary, without
23 special appropriation, for the benefit of the program.

