

By Mr. Havern, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 267) of Robert A. Havern and Charles E. Shannon for legislation to establish a matching grant program for funds contributed to city and town scholarship programs. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MATCHING GRANT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO CITY AND TOWN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.

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

1 Any city or town treasurer may, within one hundred twenty days
2 from the end of the fiscal year in which this legislation is enacted, or
3 within one hundred twenty days from the end of every fiscal year
4 thereafter, apply to the commissioner of revenue of the common-
5 wealth for grant in an amount equal to the amount certified by said
6 city or town treasurer as received from donations or monies other-
7 wise raised and deposited with said city or town from all sources
8 during the previous fiscal year for scholarship aid to benefit the resi-
9 dents of said city or town. Such grants shall be capped at one dollar
10 per person up to, but not to exceed, the total population of each city
11 and town participating in the program; said population to be certified
12 by the city or town clerk. The commissioner of revenue shall estab-
13 lish rules and regulation for the administration of the scholarship
14 grant program. Any grant monies received by a city or town may be
15 added to the principal of an existing scholarship fund or to create a
16 new fund within said city or town.

