

By Ms. Donovan of Woburn, petition of Carol A. Donovan, Pamela P. Resor, Charles E. Shannon and Robert A. Havern relative to school choice funding for vocational education. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL CHOICE FUNDING FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

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. Subsection (f) of section 12B of chapter 76 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the second and third sentences and
4 inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:—
5 Said tuition amount shall be equal to seventy-five percent of
6 the actual per pupil spending amount in the receiving district for
7 such education as is required by such non-resident student, but not
8 more than five thousand dollars; provided, however, that for voca-
9 tional students in approved chapter seventy-four programs the
10 tuition amount shall be the same as that established under section
11 seven C of said chapter seventy-four; and provided, further, that
12 for special education students whose tuition amount shall remain
13 the expense per student for such type of education as is required
14 by such non-resident student. The state treasurer is hereby autho-
15 rized and directed to deduct said school choice tuition amount
16 from the total education aid, as defined in chapter seventy, or said
17 student's sending district, prior to the distribution of said aid and
18 to deposit said aid in the School Choice Tuition Trust Fund estab-
19 lished by section twelve C, but not more than five thousand dollars
20 in the case of non-special education students enrolled in vocation
21 choice programs.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection (g) of said section 12B of said chap-
2 ter 76, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—

4 The state treasurer is further directed to disburse to the
5 receiving district, from the School Choice Tuition Trust Fund
6 established by section twelve C, an amount equal to each student's
7 school choice tuition as defined in subsection (f); provided, how-
8 ever, that in the case of a non-special education student enrolled in
9 a vocational choice program the commonwealth shall pay, in addi-
10 tion to the amount held in such fund, the difference between said
11 amount and the chapter seventy-four non-resident tuition
12 approved by the commissioner for the receiving district; and pro-
13 vided, further, that each public school district which admits chil-
14 dren under the provisions of this section shall certify to the state
15 treasurer the number of such children attending its public schools,
16 the city or town of residence of each such child, the annual
17 amount of tuition for each such child and the total tuition owed to
18 the district based on full or partial attendance, itemized by the
19 amount attributable to each city or town of residence; and, pro-
20 vided further, that such certification shall be made on October first
21 of each year and April first of each year.