

chapter three hundred and seventy-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "person", in the seventh line, the words:—or whenever such town is lawfully charged with the maintenance of an inmate of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded or of the Hospital Cottages for Children, — so as to read as follows:—Whenever it shall be made to appear to the governor and council that a town of this Commonwealth having a taxable valuation of less than five hundred thousand dollars, in the valuation of polls and estates established by the general court, is lawfully charged with the maintenance, at one of the state lunatic hospitals or asylums, or the state almshouse or state farm, of an insane person, or whenever such town is lawfully charged with the maintenance of an inmate of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded or of the Hospital Cottages for Children, by reason of such person having a legal settlement in such town, the expense hereafter incurred for such maintenance may be reimbursed such town in whole or in part from the state treasury.

Reimbursement to certain towns for maintenance of inmates of certain institutions.

*Approved March 16, 1899.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

*Chap. 157*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually from the treasury of the Commonwealth to the treasurer of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from the first day of September in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, the sum of six thousand dollars.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

SECTION 2. In consideration of such payment and of the grant made by chapter fifty-seven of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine the Worcester Polytechnic Institute shall maintain forty free scholarships, of which each senatorial district in the Commonwealth shall be entitled to one, if a candidate is presented who is otherwise unable to bear the expense of tuition. In case no such candidate appears from a senatorial district then a candidate may be selected from the state at large to fill such vacancy, who may continue to hold the scholarship annually until a candidate is presented from the senatorial district unrepresented.

Free scholarships.

SECTION 3. The scholarships shall be awarded to such pupils of the public schools of Massachusetts as shall be

Awarding of scholarships.

found upon examination to possess the qualifications fixed for the admission of students to said institute, and who shall be selected by the board of education, preference in the award being given only to qualified candidates otherwise unable to bear the expense of tuition.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. Chapter seventy-two and so much of chapter fifty-seven of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine as relates to state scholarships, and chapter four hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, are hereby repealed.

*Approved March 16, 1899.*

**Chap.158** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS FROM THE LYMAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND FROM THE STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS TO THE HOSPITAL COTTAGES FOR CHILDREN OR THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Inmates of certain institutions may be transferred.

The state board of insanity may, on the request of the trustees of the Lyman and industrial schools, transfer from either of said schools to the Hospital Cottages for Children or to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded, any inmate whose condition would be benefited by such transfer, upon the certificate of a physician that such person is a suitable subject for treatment at either of the last named institutions.

*Approved March 16, 1899.*

**Chap.159** AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUNDRY EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, except as herein provided, to meet expenses for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, to wit:—

State board of education, secretary.

For the salary and expenses of the secretary of the state board of education, forty-five hundred dollars, to be paid out of the moiety of the income of the Massachusetts School Fund applicable to educational purposes.

Clerical and messenger service.

For clerical and messenger service for the state board of education, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.