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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Jehlen**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General
 Court assembled:*

 The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to teacher retirement.

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PETITION OF:

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| Ms. Jehlen | Second Middlesex |

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SEE SENATE, NO. S01513 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to teacher retirement.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a teacher, as defined in Chapter 32, who has been laid off because of budget cuts and has been recalled to active service may have such layoff time credited as creditable service. The State Teachers Retirement Board and State-Boston Retirement Board shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning buyback payments with regular interest. Such layoff time shall be considered as a leave of absence without any break in service. This bill would allow teachers who were laid off through no fault of their own but because of budget cuts to purchase up to four years of creditable service in the retirement system.