

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay R. Kaufman

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 to clarify creditable service for sabbatical leaves .

PETITION OF:

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15th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2602 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT TO CLARIFY CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR SABBATICAL LEAVES .

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. Section 1 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding after line 490 the following definition:—
3 “Sabbatical Leave”, leave which promises to contribute to the development of the faculty
4 member or professional employee in the areas of teaching, research, creative or scholarly activity, or
5 professional service, capability, and hence will contribute to the institution as a whole upon the return to
6 the institution for at least one year following the academic year in which said leave takes place.
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- 8 SECTION 2. Subdivision (1) of section 4 of Chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding
9 after line 355 the following:—
10 (s) Creditable service in the case of any member who retires on or after the effective date of this act shall
11 include the period of any sabbatical leave awarded at a public institution of higher education to a faculty
12 member or professional employee regardless of whether the sabbatical leave is granted with full or partial
13 compensation, provided, however, that such creditable service shall be granted at a rate of one half for a
14 sabbatical leave where the member has contributed at half the rate of his or her regular rate and full
15 creditable service where the member has contributed at the full rate and provided, further, that a faculty
16 member or professional employee who had such full-year sabbatical leave or leaves approved prior to
17 July 29, 1991, shall, for the first of such leaves, contribute the regular deductions which would ordinarily
18 be assessed based upon the date of such persons entry into the retirement system.