

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

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 nonpublic school service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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26th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2438 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICE.

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 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of “Membership service,”
3 the following definition:-
4 “Nonpublic school,” an institution, not operated by the federal, state or local governments or
5 agencies thereof, the primary function of which is (a) to educate students in a course of study
6 designed to lead to the award of a diploma or its equivalent; or (b) to provide a college-level
7 course of study designed to lead to the award of a college or university degree.

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9 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
10 subdivision (4A) the following subdivision:-

11 (4B) Credit for Teachers for Nonpublic School Service after January 1, 1973. Any member in
12 service, or any member inactive on authorized leave of absence of the teachers’ retirement
13 system, the state retirement system or as a teacher in the State–Boston retirement system, who
14 holds a certificate issued by the department of education or is exempted from the requirement of
15 certification, or any member who is employed in a public institution of higher education as a
16 faculty member or professional employee not under the jurisdiction of the human resources
17 division within the executive office for administration and finance classification system, and who
18 was previously employed as a teacher in a nonpublic school may receive creditable service as if
19 that service had been rendered in a public school of the commonwealth or public institution of
20 higher education and the member had been a member of the teachers’ retirement system, the
21 state retirement system, or the State-Boston retirement system during the period in which the
22 service was rendered. No credit shall be allowed until the member has paid into the annuity
23 savings fund of the system before any retirement allowance becomes effective for the member,
24 in 1 sum, or in installments, upon the terms and conditions that the board prescribes, makeup

25 payments of an amount equal to 10 per cent of the regular annual compensation of the member
26 as of the member's most recent date of entry into membership in the teachers' retirement system,
27 the state retirement system, or as a teacher in the State-Boston retirement system, for each year
28 of service purchased plus buyback interest on that amount. No credit shall be allowed and no
29 payment shall be accepted under this paragraph until the member has completed 10 or more
30 years of membership service, and no credit shall be allowed and no payment shall be accepted
31 for any service on account of which the member shall be entitled to receive a retirement
32 allowance or other similar payment from any other nonpublic school system. No credit shall be
33 allowed if the member has received credit for 3 or more years of nonpublic school service under
34 subdivision (4A) of this section or paragraph (p) of subdivision (1) of section 4. The creditable
35 service allowable under this subdivision for any member shall not exceed 4 years. Members in
36 service of a retirement system who make application for this creditable service shall be notified
37 by the retirement board of their eligibility for this creditable service, and, if they are eligible,
38 shall also be notified by the retirement board that they have the following options: (1) to
39 purchase the service in a lump sum within 180 days after the notice, or (2) to enter into an
40 installment agreement within 180 days after the notice to pay for the creditable service.