

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Candaras, Gale (SEN)

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 creditable service for service rendered as a volunteer in the peace corps and americorps

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Candaras, Gale (SEN)	First Hampden and Hampshire
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01472 OF .]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR SERVICE RENDERED AS A
VOLUNTEER IN THE PEACE CORPS AND AMERICORPS.**

*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. Chapter 32 of the General Laws is amended in subsection (1) of section 4 by adding the
2 following new subsection:—
3 (t) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, a member in service of
4 the state employees' or teachers' retirement system or a retirement system of a city, town, county,
5 region or district as defined in section one who served as a volunteer in the Peace Corps, Volunteers in
6 Service to America (VISTA), AmeriCorps VISTA, Teacher Corps, the Commissioned Corps of the United
7 States Public Health Service, or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
8 Administration who completes fifteen or more years of membership service shall receive full credit for
9 the period of such volunteer service up to, but not exceeding three years. Eligibility for said creditable
10 service shall be conditioned upon payment, in one sum or in installments upon such terms as the state
11 retirement board or the teacher's retirement board or a retirement system of a city, town, county,
12 region or district may provide, into the annuity savings fund of the state employees, teachers retirement
13 system or a retirement system of a city, town, county, region or district an amount equal to the
14 contributions such member would have otherwise paid into the retirement system for the period of
15 volunteer service based upon the annual salary the member received in the first year of membership
16 service after said volunteer service; provided further that such creditable service shall not be allowed for

17 any period of active service for which said volunteer has received credit pursuant to paragraph (f) of
18 subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter 32.