

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Jehlen**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ms. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01513 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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:*

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