

HOUSE No. 2211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act limiting severance agreements of authorities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James M. Cantwell

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Plymouth

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2211) of James M. Cantwell relative to severance agreements negotiated by authorities. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2229 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act limiting severance agreements of authorities.

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

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 31E the following section:—

3 Section 31F. Any severance agreement negotiated by an authority, as defined in section
4 39 of chapter 3, shall be based upon the employee’s length of service with the authority. No cash
5 awards shall be made. Any consulting contract with the employee shall be based on fees for
6 services, with services clearly defined. Any payment of legal fees for such employee shall be
7 made only for actions of the employee made in good faith.