

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2231**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel M. Donahue***

*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 relative to purchasing power protection for retiree benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2231) of Daniel M. Donahue and others for legislation to direct the Teachers’ Retirement Board to study the costs and actuarial liabilities attributable to purchasing power protection for certain benefits for retired teachers. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1368 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to purchasing power protection for retiree benefits.

*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. The teachers’ retirement board is hereby authorized and directed to analyze,  
2 study and evaluate the costs and the actuarial liabilities attributable to providing seventy-five  
3 percent purchasing power protection for annuitants of the teachers’ retirement system. The  
4 teachers’ retirement board shall also make recommendations on implementing said purchasing  
5 power protection incrementally in order to secure seventy-five percent purchasing power  
6 protection for annuitants of the teachers’ retirement system. In order to effectuate the funding for  
7 the change in benefits for the annuitants of the teachers’ retirement system, the board shall  
8 prepare a supplemental pension funding schedule which shall be designed to reduce the actuarial  
9 pension liability attributed to the seventy-five percent purchasing power protection to zero on or  
10 before June thirtieth, two thousand and thirty-four; provided that in preparing such schedule the

11 board shall consider the actuarial value and the market value of the systems assets and liabilities,  
12 the long term investment rate of return on the systems assets and the systems unfunded actuarial  
13 liability, and provided further, that the board shall triennially update such supplemental schedule  
14 until said June thirtieth, two thousand and thirty-four. The teachers' retirement board shall file  
15 said report together with its recommendations and draft legislation necessary to carry out such  
16 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives, the  
17 joint committee on public service and the house and senate committees on ways and means on or  
18 before December 31, 2019.