

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2514**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul Brodeur*

*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 employment benefits for Patricia Kannler.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Paul Brodeur*

*32nd Middlesex*

*Jason M. Lewis*

*Fifth Middlesex*

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2514) of Paul Brodeur and Jason M. Lewis relative to employment benefits for Patricia Kannler. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2208 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to employment benefits for Patricia Kannler.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith certain employment benefits, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1           Notwithstanding paragraph (g<sup>1/2</sup>) or (g<sup>3/4</sup>) of subdivision (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of  
2 the General Laws, or any other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the  
3 Massachusetts teachers’ retirement board shall allow Patricia Kannler to purchase up to 4 years  
4 of creditable service for maternity leave taken prior to 1975; provided, however, that Patricia  
5 Kannler shall pay, in 1 sum or installments, an amount equal to the deductions that would have  
6 been withheld had she continued in service, as determined by the board, together with buyback  
7 interest.

8           In the event that Patricia Kannler retires before the completion of such payments, the  
9   Massachusetts teachers' retirement board shall, upon completion of such payments, recalculate  
10   Patricia Kannler's retirement benefit to include the period of maternity leave as creditable  
11   service. The recalculation of Patricia Kannler's benefit shall be retroactive to her effective date  
12   of retirement.