

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2609**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Joyce A. Spiliotis**

*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 Creditable Service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO TEACHER CREDITABLE SERVICE.

*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. Subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (h  $\frac{1}{2}$  ) the following paragraph:-  
3 (h  $\frac{3}{4}$  ) Any member in service of the teachers retirement system or a teacher who is a member of the  
4 State-Boston retirement system and who is or was employed as a teacher in a public school may receive  
5 creditable service for any period or periods of prior work experience in the occupational field in which the  
6 member is now teaching and which was required as a condition of the member's employment and  
7 licensure under regulations of the department of education. No credit shall be allowed until the member  
8 has paid into the Annuity Savings Fund of the system before any retirement allowance becomes effective  
9 for the member, in 1 sum, or in installment, upon the terms and conditions that the board prescribes,  
10 makeup payments of an amount equal to 10 per cent of the regular annual compensation of the member as  
11 of the member's most recent date of entry into membership in the teachers' retirement system or as a  
12 teacher in the State-Boston retirement system, for each year of service purchased plus buyback interest  
13 thereon. No credit shall be allowed and no payment shall be accepted under this paragraph until the  
14 member has completed 10 or more years of membership service. The creditable service allowable under  
15 this paragraph for any members shall not exceed 3 years. Members in service of a retirement system who  
16 make application for this creditable service shall be notified by the retirement board of their eligibility for  
17 such creditable service, and, if they are eligible, shall also be notified by the retirement board that they  
18 have the following options: (1) to purchase the service in a lump sum within 180 days of the notice, or  
19 (2) to enter into an installment agreement within 180 days of the notice to pay for service.