

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00702**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jay Kaufman*

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 to clarify creditable service for sabbatical leaves .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jay Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Stanley C. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Hampshire and Franklin</i>

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By Mr. Jay Kaufman of Lexington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00702) of Thomas Kennedy and others for legislation to provide creditable service for retirement purposes for certain sabbatical leaves. Joint Committee on Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 2486 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to clarify creditable service for sabbatical leaves .

*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. Section 1 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after line 490 the following definition:—  
3 “Sabbatical Leave”, leave which promises to contribute to the development of the faculty  
4 member or professional employee in the areas of teaching, research, creative or scholarly  
5 activity, or professional service, capability, and hence will contribute to the institution as a whole  
6 upon the return to the institution for at least one year following the academic year in which said  
7 leave takes place.

8 SECTION 2. Subdivision (1) of section 4 of Chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
9 adding after line 355 the following:—

10 (s) Creditable service in the case of any member who retires on or after the effective date of this  
11 act shall include the period of any sabbatical leave awarded at a public institution of higher  
12 education to a faculty member or professional employee regardless of whether the sabbatical  
13 leave is granted with full or partial compensation, provided, however, that such creditable service  
14 shall be granted at a rate of one half for a sabbatical leave where the member has contributed at  
15 half the rate of his or her regular rate and full creditable service where the member has  
16 contributed at the full rate and provided, further, that a faculty member or professional employee  
17 who had such full-year sabbatical leave or leaves approved prior to July 29, 1991, shall, for the  
18 first of such leaves, contribute the regular deductions which would ordinarily be assessed based  
19 upon the date of such persons entry into the retirement system.