SENATE No. 01317

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 credible service for school nurses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
Michael D. Brady	9th Plymouth

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By Mr. Kennedy, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1317) of Kennedy, Turner, Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to credible service for school nurses [Joint Committee on Public Service].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE , NO. 1095 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to credible service for school nurses.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (h ½) the following paragraph:- (h ¾) Any school nurse who is a member in service of the teacher's retirement system or a municipal or city of Boston or state retirement system who is employed in a school approved by the department of education may receive creditable service for any period or periods of work experience in the nursing field. No credit shall be allowed until such member has paid into the annuity savings fund of the system before any retirement allowance becomes effective for such member, in one sum, or in installments, upon such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe, makeup payments of an amount equal to 10 percent of the regular annual 10 compensation of the member when said member entered the retirement system for each year of service so purchased, plus buy back interest. No credit shall be allowed and no payment shall be 11 accepted under this paragraph until the member shall have completed ten or more years of 12 membership service. The maximum creditable service allowable under this paragraph for any 13 member shall not exceed three years. Members in service of a retirement system eligible for said 14 creditable service under this act shall make application for said creditable service within ninety 15 days of being notified by the retirement board of their eligibility after becoming vested in the 16 retirement system or for currently eligible members, within ninety days of the effective date of 17 18 this act.