

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1379**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Brian A. Joyce*

*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 to authorize creditable service for certain public higher education faculty and professional employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Brian A. Joyce*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1379**

By Mr. Joyce, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1379) of Brian A. Joyce for legislation to authorize creditable service for certain public higher education faculty and professional employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1312 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act to authorize creditable service for certain public higher education faculty and professional employees.

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

1 Subsection (1) of section 4 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (s) the following paragraph: --  
3 (t) Any faculty member or professional employee of any public institution of higher  
4 education who is a member of the state employees retirement system and who has received or  
5 receives a leave or leaves of absence without pay approved by the employing institution to  
6 accept a prestigious award, fellowship, scholarship or other special assignment opportunity that  
7 benefits both the individual and the employing institution of public higher education, may,  
8 before any retirement becomes effective, establish up to two years of such service as creditable  
9 service for the purpose of determining his retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of

10 paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of section 5 of Chapter 32. Eligibility for said creditable service  
11 shall be conditioned upon payment into the annuity savings fund of the state employees  
12 retirement system of an amount equal to the contributions he would have otherwise paid into the  
13 retirement system for said period or periods of service based upon the salary he was receiving  
14 prior to the commencement of his leave or leaves of absence together with regular interest  
15 thereon. Such payment shall be made in one sum or installments as the state board of retirement  
16 shall prescribe.