

SENATE No. 2610

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

SENATE, February 6, 2024.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1612) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to a service based retirement option for Group 1 and Group 2 career employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1614) of Michael D. Brady, Mathew J. Muratore and John F. Keenan for legislation to restore the retirement rights of certain employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1615) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to benefits of employees who are required to respond to emergencies or work in hazardous environments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1623) of Nick Collins, Vanna Howard, Susannah M. Whipps, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and others for legislation relative to survivor retirement benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1625) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to providing fairness and equity in the retirement benefits of employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, sewer departments, sewer districts, water and sewer departments and districts, and wastewater facilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1626) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to extend veterans retirement buyback opportunities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1627) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to underperforming pension systems; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1628) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to creditable service for certain public safety officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1630) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to ordinary disability retirements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1631) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to special needs trusts and pensions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1633) of Ronald J. Colosi, Jr. for legislation to provide for domestic partners through public employee pensions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1634) of John J. Cronin and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to GIC healthcare coverage for group 4 members pending disability retirement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1639) of Julian Cyr for legislation to correct pension inequity for James G. Clothier; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1641) of Julian Cyr and Vanna Howard for legislation relative to the Commonwealth's fire departments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1643) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to municipal workforce shortage; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1644) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to pensions, fiduciary standards, and sustainable investment; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No.

1647) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to establish creditable service for veterans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1648) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to responsible corporate investments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1649) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to provide retirement security to care workers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1651) of James B. Eldridge and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation relative to the divestment of state pension funds from nuclear weapons; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1655) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to reform sick leave buybacks; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1656) of Ryan C. Fattman that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset in Massachusetts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1667) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to executive office of public safety and security dispatchers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1668) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to the composition of the Group Insurance Commission; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1670) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to authorize a local option for group retirement classification; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1671) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4 employees with creditable service to serve on retirement boards; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1672) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to retirement board membership; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1675) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to defining Court Service Coordinator in Group 2; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1676) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to define employees in Group 2; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1690) of Adam Gomez and Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General for legislation relative to require public pension fund divestment from ammunition and firearms; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1697) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the active service buy-back program for firefighters and police officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1698) of Joan B. Lovely and Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General for legislation relative to the SMART plan; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1699) of Paul W. Mark, Walter F. Timilty, Michael D. Brady, Marc R. Pacheco and other members of the Senate for legislation to establish fairness in GIC premium contributions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1700) of Paul W. Mark, Walter F. Timilty, Michael D. Brady, Marc R. Pacheco and other members of the Senate for legislation relative to the Group Insurance Trust Fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1701) of Paul W. Mark for legislation relative to public higher education collective bargaining funding; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1704) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to the retirement of MassPort officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1708) of Susan L. Moran and James K. Hawkins for legislation relative to retirement benefits for municipal natural resource officers in Plymouth and Barnstable County; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1709) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to the size of the Group Insurance Commission Board; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1714) of Jacob R. Oliveira relative to public higher education collective labor contracts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1718) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to corrections officers injured in the line of duty; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1719) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation

relative to public higher education campus police officers injured in the line of duty; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1720) of Marc R. Pacheco and Paul McMurtry for legislation relative to line of duty injury benefits for public employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1724) of Michael F. Rush and Paul McMurtry for legislation relative to creditable service for retirement purposes for non-public school service; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1725) of Michael F. Rush and Paul McMurtry for legislation relative to veterans creditable service; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1731) of Michael F. Rush and Paul McMurtry for legislation to clarify military buyback options; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1735) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the retirement benefits of employees of the Cape Ann Transportation Authority; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1740) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to the safety of fire, police, and emergency medical technicians from contagious diseases; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1741) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to the retirement options of certain educational personnel; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1743) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to certain licensed pipefitters and refrigeration technicians; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1744) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to authorize creditable service for certain public higher education faculty and professional employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1745) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to creditable service for school business administrators; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1749) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to accidental disability retirement for police officers and firefighters; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2384) of Cynthia Stone Creem, John J. Lawn, Jr., Ruth B. Balsler and Kay Khan (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Newton; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2463) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark for legislation relative to the disability law inasmuch as relates to call and volunteer firefighters and EMTs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2490) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas Chiocca, for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Thomas Chiocca; and Senate, December 28, 2023 -- Report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts 840 CMR 2, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2610).

For the committee,
Michael D. Brady

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Public Service be authorized and directed to make an
2 investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 1612, 1614, 1615, 1623,
3 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1630, 1631, 1633, 1634, 1639, 1641, 1643, 1644, 1647, 1648, 1649,
4 1651, 1655, 1656, 1667, 1668, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1675, 1676, 1690, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700,
5 1701, 1704, 1708, 1709, 1714, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1724, 1725, 1731, 1735, 1740, 1741, 1743,
6 1744, 1745, 1749, 2384, 2463, 2490, and 2540 relative to public service matters.