

HOUSE No. 4286

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William M. Straus

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 relative to chapter 15A.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>8/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Straus relative to the optional retirement program for certain employees of public higher education institutions. Public Service.

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

An Act relative to chapter 15A.

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 40 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in 2014 Official
2 Edition is hereby amended, in line 125, by inserting after the word “requirements;” the following
3 words:- provided that notwithstanding the previous provisions, chapter thirty-two of the General
4 Laws, or of any general or special law to the contrary any eligible employee employed on a part-
5 time basis on July 1, 2016 who had elected to participate in the optional retirement program shall
6 be eligible to re-elect membership in the state employees' retirement system if their employment
7 became full-time in any eligible position within a public institution of higher education prior to
8 October 1, 2016. The employee may also purchase their prior employment while a participant of
9 the option retirement program as creditable service, conditioned upon the payment, in 1 lump
10 sum or in installments upon such terms as the state retirement board may provide;