

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2609**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Relative to Teacher Creditable Service..

*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. Subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (h ½ ) the following  
3 paragraph:-

4 (h ¾ ) Any member in service of the teachers retirement system or a teacher who is a  
5 member of the State-Boston retirement system and who is or was employed as a teacher in a  
6 public school may receive creditable service for any period or periods of prior work experience  
7 in the occupational field in which the member is now teaching and which was required as a  
8 condition of the member’s employment and licensure under regulations of the department of  
9 education. No credit shall be allowed until the member has paid into the Annuity Savings Fund  
10 of the system before any retirement allowance becomes effective for the member, in 1 sum, or in  
11 installment, upon the terms and conditions that the board prescribes, makeup payments of an  
12 amount equal to 10 per cent of the regular annual compensation of the member as of the  
13 member’s most recent date of entry into membership in the teachers’ retirement system or as a  
14 teacher in the State-Boston retirement system, for each year of service purchased plus buyback

15 interest thereon. No credit shall be allowed and no payment shall be accepted under this  
16 paragraph until the member has completed 10 or more years of membership service. The  
17 creditable service allowable under this paragraph for any members shall not exceed 3 years.  
18 Members in service of a retirement system who make application for this creditable service shall  
19 be notified by the retirement board of their eligibility for such creditable service, and, if they are  
20 eligible, shall also be notified by the retirement board that they have the following options: (1)  
21 to purchase the service in a lump sum within 180 days of the notice, or (2) to enter into an  
22 installment agreement within 180 days of the notice to pay for service.