

HOUSE No. 386

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to further defining good cause for the purpose of nonrenewal of contracts for educational administrators..

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 41 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is amended in paragraph three lines 29 to 3p by striking out the second sentence
3 and inserting in place thereof the following three sentences:—

4 A principal, assistant principal, department head or other supervisor who has served in
5 that position for three consecutive years, and who has not been notified of non-renewal sixty-
6 days prior to the end of the third consecutive year, shall not be dismissed or demoted except for
7 good cause. Good cause shall include a description of the personal misconduct or professional
8 deficiency or deficiencies which are the basis for the dismissal. The declaration that the
9 principal’s school is an underperforming school by the proper authorities shall satisfy this
10 provision.