

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1034**

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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 creditable service for service rendered as a volunteer in the peace corps and americorps.

*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. Chapter 32 of the General Laws is amended in subsection (1) of section 4  
2 by adding the following new subsection:—(t) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
3 special law to the contrary, a member in service of the state employees’ or teachers’ retirement  
4 system or a retirement system of a city, town, county, region or district as defined in section one  
5 who served as a volunteer in the Peace Corps, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA),  
6 AmeriCorps VISTA, Teacher Corps, the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health  
7 Service, or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
8 who completes fifteen or more years of membership service shall receive full credit for the  
9 period of such volunteer service up to, but not exceeding three years. Eligibility for said  
10 creditable service shall be conditioned upon payment, in one sum or in installments upon such  
11 terms as the state retirement board or the teacher’s retirement board or a retirement system of a  
12 city, town, county, region or district may provide, into the annuity savings fund of the state  
13 employees, teachers retirement system or a retirement system of a city, town, county, region or  
14 district an amount equal to the contributions such member would have otherwise paid into the

15 retirement system for the period of volunteer service based upon the annual salary the member  
16 received in the first year of membership service after said volunteer service; provided further that  
17 such creditable service shall not be allowed for any period of active service for which said  
18 volunteer has received credit pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter  
19 32.