

SENATE No. 1177

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to re-entry into active public 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 twenty-two of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subparagraph(b) the
3 following new subparagraph:-

4 Notwithstanding any general or specific law to the contrary, a member of the state
5 teachers' retirement system or the state Boston retirement system who was laid off or who will
6 be laid off by a governmental unit because of budget cuts between January 1, 1980 and
7 December 31, 2004, January 1, 1990 and December 31, 2004, or January 1, 2003 and December
8 31, 2005, and through no fault of their own, and was later re-employed in public service as a
9 teacher within three years of being laid off, may have up to three years of such layoff time
10 credited as creditable service provided that any buyback payments or previously withdrawn
11 contributions, including regular interest thereon, are paid upon such terms and conditions as the
12 board may prescribe and, provided further, that such member shall be deemed to have entered
13 into service for purposes of this section as of the date of his entry into service preceding layoff.

14 SECTION 2. Section one of this act shall apply to any member in service as of the
15 effective date of this act, provided, however, that any reduction in an employee's retirement
16 contribution required by this act shall commence on the effective date of this act and no refund
17 shall be made for contributions made prior to the effective date of this act.”