

SENATE No. 1224

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the vesting requirements of public employees..

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 10 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (b 1/2) and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 (b 1/2) Any member classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4, who has completed five
5 or more years of creditable service, and who, before attaining age fifty-five, resigns or
6 voluntarily terminates his service and leaves his accumulated total deductions in the annuity
7 savings fund of the system of which he is a member, shall have the right upon attaining age fifty-
8 five, or at any time thereafter, to apply for a termination retirement allowance to become
9 effective as provided for in subdivision (3) of this section. Such allowance shall be determined in
10 accordance with the provisions of section five or the provisions of any other section governing
11 superannuation retirement applicable to such member upon the basis of such member's age on
12 the date when the retirement allowance becomes effective, with an amount of creditable service
13 equal to that with which he was credited on the date of his termination of service. For purposes

14 of determining a year of creditable service in this paragraph, 1000 or more hours of service in
15 any calendar year will equal one year of creditable service.

16 SECTION 2. Paragraph (m) of subdivision (1) of Section 5 of chapter 32, as appearing in
17 the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 186 and 189, the word
18 "ten" and inserting in place thereof the word: - "five".