

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3959**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Theodore C. Speliotis and Joan B. Lovely*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2014</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2014</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2014</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2014</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>3/12/2014</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2014</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2014</i>
<i>John D. Keenan</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2014</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	

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By Representative Speliotis of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Theodore C. Speliotis, Joan B. Lovely and others for legislation to authorize employees of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District to participate in certain benefit programs administered by the Commonwealth. Public Service.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen**

An Act relative to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District.

*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 13 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2004 as amended by Chapter 130 of  
2 the Acts of 2010 is hereby amended by striking Section 13 in its entirety and replacing it with the  
3 following:-

4 "SECTION 13. Beginning July 1, 2015, employees of the district shall be eligible to  
5 participate in all group insurance programs and benefits administered by the group insurance  
6 commission pursuant to section 16 of chapter 34B of the General Laws; but, the district shall  
7 reimburse the commonwealth for costs of group insurance and benefits attributable to the district.  
8 Until July 1, 2015, the district shall assume responsibility for the collection and payment of  
9 premium costs for all benefits for any active employee absorbed by the district who is covered by  
10 the group insurance commission on the date the Essex agricultural and technical high school  
11 ceases to exist under this statute.

12 Section 13A. Employees of the district shall become members of the city of Salem  
13 contributory retirement system, except that educators certified under section 38G of chapter 71  
14 of the General Laws who are employed by the district shall be members of the teachers'  
15 retirement system under chapter 32. Employees of the district shall be considered public  
16 employees for purposes of tort liability under chapter 258 of the General Laws, and the school  
17 committee shall be considered the public employer for purposes of tort liability under said  
18 chapter 258."

19           Section 2. Section 18 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of 2004 as amended by Chapter 130 of  
20 the Acts of 2010 is hereby amended by striking the number "13" and replacing it with "13A".