

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2559**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 task force on employee vacation and earned sick leave credit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2559) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for an investigation and study by a task force relative to state employee vacation and earned sick leave credits. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the task force on employee vacation and earned sick leave credit.

*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. There shall be established an employee vacation and earned sick leave  
2 credit task force to study and make recommendations on establishing a uniform state policy  
3 regarding the cash out of vacation and sick leave credits applicable to employees of the  
4 commonwealth who are in positions that are not subject to collective bargaining agreements.  
5 The task force shall be comprised of the following 11 members or their designees: the secretary  
6 of administration and finance who shall serve as chair; the administrator of the trial court; the  
7 colonel of state police; the chair of the board of higher education; 1 person to be appointed by the  
8 speaker of the house of representatives; 1 person to be appointed by the senate president; 1  
9 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 person to be  
10 appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and 3 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1  
11 of whom shall have experience in labor law.

12           The task force shall study and make recommendations on establishing the following  
13 uniform policies and shall examine the practices of neighboring states: (i) rate of accrued sick  
14 leave; (ii) cash out of sick leave credit upon retirement; (iii) payment of sick leave credits upon  
15 the death of an employee; and (iv) transfer of sick leave credits from other political subdivisions  
16 of the commonwealth. In addition, the task force shall study the feasibility of establishing an  
17 extended illness leave bank for all employees of the commonwealth.

18           The task force shall convene not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act and  
19 shall file its recommendations with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate not later  
20 than December 31, 2017.