

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2373**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***William M. Straus and Antonio F. D. Cabral***

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*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 chapter 15A.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>

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By Messrs. Straus of Mattapoisett and Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2373) of William M. Straus and Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to the optional retirement system for certain employees of public institutions of higher education. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3302 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to chapter 15A.

*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 40 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in 2014 Official  
2 Edition is hereby amended, in line 125, by inserting after the word “requirements;” the following  
3 words:- provided that notwithstanding the previous provisions, chapter thirty-two of the General  
4 Laws, or of any general or special law to the contrary any eligible employee employed on a part-  
5 time basis on July 1, 2016 who had elected to participate in the optional retirement program shall  
6 be eligible to re-elect membership in the state employees' retirement system if their employment  
7 became full-time in any eligible position within a public institution of higher education prior to  
8 October 1, 2016. The employee may also purchase their prior employment while a participant of  
9 the option retirement program as creditable service, conditioned upon the payment, in 1 lump  
10 sum or in installments upon such terms as the state retirement board may provide;