

HOUSE No. 505

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 substitute teachers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Bradford Hill</i> | <i>4th Essex</i> | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i> | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i> | <i>9th Essex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i> | <i>1st Bristol</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 505) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to authorize certain students majoring in education at colleges or universities to be granted substitute teaching permits and to be paid the same rate as substitute teachers. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to substitute teachers.

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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 38G1/2, the following new section:-

3 Section 38G3/4. (a) An individual who does not hold a certificate under section 38G shall
4 be eligible to teach as a substitute in a school district, an area vocational-technical school or a
5 charter school, provided that the uncertified individual:

6 (i) Is currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program in a college or university located
7 in the Commonwealth; and

8 (ii) Has completed at least sixty (60) semester hours or the equivalent of courses at a
9 college or university located in the Commonwealth.

10 (b) The chief school administrator of a school district, an area vocational-technical
11 school or a charter school may issue a substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers to an

12 uncertified individual. A school district may establish the design and requirements for a
13 substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers for those individuals serving as substitute
14 instructors in their district; provided, however, the teaching permit shall be subject to the
15 following provisions:

16 (i) An individual receiving substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers may serve
17 as a substitute teacher for no more than ten (10) consecutive days per school year for a single
18 professional employee or temporary professional employee.

19 (ii) A substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers shall be valid for one (1) year
20 and may be renewed for one (1) additional year by the chief school administrator, provided that
21 the uncertified individual:

22 (i) provides documentation of the completion of an additional fifteen (15) credit hours or
23 equivalent from a college or university located in the Commonwealth; and

24 (ii) remains enrolled in a college or university located in the Commonwealth.

25 (c) The individual shall receive a salary fixed by the governing body of the school
26 district, area vocational-technical school or charter school.

27 (d) The individual shall not have the right to enroll in the public school employees'
28 retirement system, nor shall service as a substitute under this section be eligible for credit in the
29 public school employees' retirement system.

30 (e) The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide an annual
31 report on the use of the permits under this section to the joint committee on education. To

- 32 complete the report, the department shall annually survey school districts, vocational-technical
- 33 schools and charter schools.