

SENATE No. 1547

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 to ensure fair public higher education workplaces.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/6/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/29/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>7/12/2019</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1547) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Mike Connolly, Thomas M. Stanley, Dylan A. Fernandes and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure fair public higher education workplaces. Public Service.

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

An Act to ensure fair public higher education workplaces.

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 3(2)(d) of Chapter 32, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 For purposes of this section and notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any
4 other general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any faculty who teach the
5 equivalent of at least two three credit courses per semester or four three or more- credit courses
6 per calendar year at one or more of the public institutions of higher education, including a
7 division of continuing education, regardless of funding source, including but not limited to
8 subsidiary account CC, shall be considered an employee eligible for membership in the state
9 employees retirement system and shall earn creditable service for such time.

10 SECTION 2. Section 4(2)(b) of Chapter 32, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
11 amended by inserting the following in line 459 after the word “membership;”:

12 provided, that in the case of any faculty employed at one or more of the public
13 institutions of higher education, the board shall credit as at least one-half year of service, actual
14 service teaching the equivalent of at least four three- credit courses per calendar year;

15 SECTION 3. Section 4(2)(c) of Chapter 32, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
16 amended by adding the following paragraph:

17 For faculty employed at one or more of the public institutions of higher education, the
18 board, in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall allow credit for any previous
19 period of service equivalent to teaching at least four three- credit courses per calendar year at one
20 or more state higher education institution, including a division of continuing education,
21 regardless of funding source, including but not limited to subsidiary account CC.

22 SECTION 4. Section 1 of Chapter 32, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
23 amended by inserting the following sentence in line 455 after the word “fund”:

24 In the case of part-time faculty employed at one or more of the public institutions of
25 higher education, the full salary and wages received for teaching credit courses at one or more of
26 the public institutions of higher education, including a division of continuing education,
27 regardless of funding source, including but not limited to subsidiary account CC, shall be
28 regarded as regular compensation and shall be included in the salary on which deductions are to
29 be paid to the annuity savings fund.

30 SECTION 5. Section 2 (e) of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
31 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 117 by inserting after the word “hours” the following:
32 - “; or a faculty member who teaches the equivalent of at least two three or more- credit courses
33 per semester, or four three or more- credit courses per calendar year at one or more of the public

34 institutions of higher education in the state, as set forth in section 5 of chapter 15A, including a
35 division of continuing education, regardless of funding source, including but not limited to
36 subsidiary account CC, and regardless of the term of employment or participation or membership
37 in a retirement system or plan; provided, that the commonwealth, not the public higher education
38 institutions, shall bear the cost.”

39 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
40 contrary, the state employees retirement system shall contribute an amount not less than seven
41 and one half percent of each employee's regular compensation for all part-time or non-tenure
42 track faculty members employed at a public institution of higher education who are enrolled in
43 the Commonwealth’s SMART Plan, as permitted by the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation
44 Act of 1990.

45 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
46 contrary, all part-time and adjunct faculty shall, subject to collective bargaining with the
47 exclusive representatives of the full-time and part-time faculty at the public institution of higher
48 education, receive pay that is equal, on a pro rata basis, with that of full-time, non-tenure track
49 faculty of comparable qualifications doing comparable work, which shall include, but not be
50 limited to, teaching, research and service.

51 SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
52 contrary, each public institution of higher education shall establish a process under which part-
53 time and other non-tenure track faculty, after successful completion of a probationary period,
54 receive timely notice and priority consideration, consistent with other institutional and state
55 policies, for part-time and non-tenure track teaching assignments. The provisions of this section

56 are subject to collective bargaining between the public institutions of higher education and the
57 exclusive representatives of part-time and non-tenure track faculty.

58 SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
59 contrary, each public institution of higher education shall create a process for ensuring that
60 qualified non-tenure track faculty members receive full and fair consideration in attaining a
61 tenure-track position when one becomes available, consistent with department needs,
62 institutional and state affirmative action, and other personnel policies. This process shall ensure
63 that non-tenure track faculty: (1) accumulate seniority; (2) are notified of job openings prior to
64 the job being posted outside of the institution; and (3) are interviewed during the search and
65 screen process. The provisions of this section are subject to collective bargaining between the
66 public institution of higher education and the exclusive representatives of part time and non-
67 tenure track faculty.

68 SECTION 10. Subsection (b) of section 7 of chapter 150E of the General Laws, as
69 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the first sentence and
70 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

71 The employer, other than the chief justice for administration and management, a county
72 sheriff, the PCA quality home care workforce council, the alcoholic beverage control
73 commission, or the state lottery commission, shall submit to the appropriate legislative body
74 within thirty days after the date on which the agreement is executed by the parties, a request for
75 an appropriation necessary to fund the cost items contained therein; provided, that if the general
76 court is not in session at that time, such request shall be submitted at the next session thereof. If
77 the appropriate legislative body duly rejects the request for an appropriation necessary to fund

78 the cost items, such cost items shall be returned to the parties for further bargaining. The
79 provisions of the preceding two sentences shall not apply to agreements reached by school
80 committees in cities and towns in which the provisions of section thirty-four of chapter seventy-
81 one are operative. For the board of higher education and the board of trustees of the University of
82 Massachusetts, the provision of section seven I of chapter twenty-nine, or any other general or
83 special law, rule or regulation, shall not preclude the employer from submitting an appropriation
84 request directly to the general court pursuant to this section.

85 SECTION 11. Subsection (c) of section 7 of said chapter 150E, as so appearing, is hereby
86 amended by deleting the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

87 The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to the chief justice for administration and
88 management, a county sheriff, the PCA quality home care workforce council, the department of
89 early education and care with regard to bargaining with family child care providers, the alcoholic
90 beverage control commission, Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the state lottery
91 commission.

92 SECTION 12. Section 5 of Chapter 32A, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
93 amended by inserting the following in line 8 after the word “occurs;” the following:-

94 provided, that any employee may elect to have commission health coverage to begin on
95 the first day of employment;

96 SECTION 13. Nothing in this act shall be construed to either limit or reduce salaries,
97 benefits or hiring rights in existence at any public institution of higher education at the time this
98 legislation passes into law.