SENATE . . . . . No. 2545

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, February 3, 2020.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1467) of Joseph A. Boncore and Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to collectively bargained health & welfare plans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1468) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to establish retirement parity for long term public defenders; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1472) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to eligibility for state group health insurance; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1477) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to protect non-medicare retirees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1479) of Nick Collins, Brendan P. Crighton and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation relative to the employee rights of employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1480) of Nick Collins and Susannah M. Whipps for legislation relative to providing fairness and equity in the retirement benefits of employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, sewer departments, sewer districts, water and sewer departments and districts, and wastewater facilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1482) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1484) of Nick Collins, Michael D. Brady, Marc R. Pacheco, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to survivor retirement benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1486) of Nick Collins for legislation to provide fairness for employees of District Attorneys ; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1488) of Brendan P. Crighton, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael J. Finn, Paul R. Feeney and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to ordinary disability retirements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1490) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to special needs trusts and pensions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1491) of Brendan P. Crighton relative to underperforming pension systems; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1492) of Brendan P. Crighton, Diana DiZoglio, Barry R. Finegold, Daniel Cahill and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to public higher education collective labor contracts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1493) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to creditable service for certain public safety officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1494) of Brendan P. Crighton, Patrick M. O'Connor, Sal N. DiDomenico, Diana DiZoglio and others for legislation relative to

injury disability application for firefighters; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1498) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to retirement benefits for municipal natural resource officers in Barnstable County; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1499) of Julian Cyr, Timothy R. Whelan, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Mike Connolly and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1500) of Julian Cyr, Michael D. Brady, James B. Eldridge, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to fair worker representation on joint purchasing group committees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1501) of Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation to authorize the State Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Joseph Suppa; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1505) of Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation relative to the conversion of certain disability retirements of public employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1506) of Sal N. DiDomenico and Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to retirement benefits for care givers at the Soldiers' Homes; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1507) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to establish credible service for veterans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1509) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Michael D. Brady, Walter F. Timilty, Marc R. Pacheco and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the disability or death caused by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1511) of Diana DiZoglio, Rebecca L. Rausch, Sean Garballey and Nika C. Elugardo for legislation to designate constitutional officers as employers of the employees under their jurisdiction; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1512) of Diana DiZoglio relative to expenses incurred in defense against denial of benefits by incapacitated employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1513) of Diana DiZoglio relative to the appointment and reappointment of certain public safety officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1516) of James B. Eldridge, Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the divestment of state pension funds from nuclear weapons; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1518) of Ryan C. Fattman, Joseph D. McKenna and Michael J. Soter for legislation to reform sick leave buybacks; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1519) of Ryan C. Fattman, Joseph D. McKenna, Michael J. Soter and Viriato M. deMacedo for legislation to authorize the Norfolk County Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Thomas V. Ralph; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1520) of Ryan C. Fattman, Jason M. Lewis, Michael O. Moore, David Allen Robertson and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the retirement of state university and community college police officers; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1521) of Ryan C. Fattman and Michael J. Soter for legislation to provide for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the effects of the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset in Massachusetts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1522) of Paul R. Feeney, Anne M. Gobi, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael J. Finn and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the composition of the Group Insurance Commission ; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1524) of Paul R. Feeney, James B. Eldridge, Michael O. Moore, James K. Hawkins and others for legislation to authorize a local option for group retirement classification; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1527) of Paul R. Feeney and James

K. Hawkins for legislation relative to Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4 employees with creditable service to serve on retirement boards; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1528) of Paul R. Feeney and James K. Hawkins for legislation relative to retirement board membership; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1532) of Cindy F. Friedman and Sean Garballey for legislation relative to Group Insurance Commission premium contributions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1533) of Cindy F. Friedman, José F. Tosado, Todd M. Smola and Marc T. Lombardo for legislation relative to retirement options for retirees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1535) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to line of duty death benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1537) of Cindy F. Friedman, Diana DiZoglio, Joseph A. Boncore, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to reform the group insurance commission; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1539) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to retirement buy back into the Massachusetts State Retirement system for Debra Kay Boudreau; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1540) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to retirement buy back into the Massachusetts State Retirement system for Sherrie Stevens; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1543) of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a study on alternative retirement benefits of public employees

; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1544) of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a study on providing absolute social security coverage for public employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1545) of Bernard J. Goclowski and Smitty Pignatelli for legislation relative to the retirement benefits of Bernard J. Goclowski; (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; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1549) of John F. Keenan for legislation to allow for payment in lieu of a disability allowance; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1550) of John F. Keenan for legislation to define surplus for retirement systems; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1551) of John F. Keenan for legislation to increase membership in the PRIM Board; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1552) of John F. Keenan, Michael D. Brady, Marc R. Pacheco, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to residency requirements. ; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1557) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the active service buy-back program for firefighters and police officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1558) of Paul C. Nordberg for legislation to provide for an equitable Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System pension for Paul C. Nordberg; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1559) of Michael O. Moore, Timothy R. Whelan, James B. Eldridge and Paul K. Frost for legislation relative to retired public employees not eligible for Medicare; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1561) of Michael O. Moore, Diana DiZoglio, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Paul F. Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to line of duty death benefits for police officers employed by private colleges and universities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1563) of Michael O. Moore, Shawn Dooley and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to the alignment of the University of Massachusetts police; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1564) of Michael O. Moore, Timothy

R. Whelan, Shawn Dooley and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to the health and welfare of the University of Massachusetts police; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1566) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Sal N. DiDomenico, Mike Connolly, Brendan P. Crighton and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the size of the Group Insurance Commission Board; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1568) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Josh S. Cutler, Mindy Domb and Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to provide health insurance coverage to the surviving children of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1569) of Marc R. Pacheco, Ryan C. Fattman and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to corrections officers injured in the line of duty; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1570) of Marc R. Pacheco, James B. Eldridge, Paul R. Feeney and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to public higher education campus police officers injured in the line of duty; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1571) of Marc R. Pacheco and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to line of duty injury benefits for public employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1573) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to disability pension benefits and earnings reports; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1574) of Marc R. Pacheco, Rebecca L. Rausch and James B. Eldridge for legislation to cap copays and deductibles for GIC subscribers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1575) of Marc R. Pacheco, Paul R. Feeney, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael J. Finn and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to health care insurance for surviving spouses; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1576) of Marc R. Pacheco, Tram T. Nguyen and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to the cost of living adjustment for public retirees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1577) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Jonathan Hecht, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for binding arbitration for firefighters and police officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1578) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Paul A. Schmid, III, Alan Silvia and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation relative to post-retirement earnings of public retirees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1581) of Michael F. Rush, Patrick M. O'Connor, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael J. Finn and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to veterans creditable service; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1582) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to creditable service for retirement purposes for non-public school service; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1584) of Michael F. Rush, Paul McMurtry and John H. Rogers relative to retirement survivor benefits for Katherine M. McGuinness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1586) of Bruce E. Tarr and David F. DeCoste for legislation to protect volunteer law enforcement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1587) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to expand insurance choices for state and local employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1589) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to sick leave buyback; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1590) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to expand insurance choices for state and local employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1591) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to eligibility to become a firefighter or police officer; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1592) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to authorize creditable service for certain public higher education faculty and

professional employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1593) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to the retirement options of certain educational personnel; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1594) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to creditable service for school business administrators; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1596) of Dean A. Tran for legislation relative to line of duty death benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1597) of James T. Welch for legislation relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1598) of James T. Welch for legislation relative to retirement systems and pensions for correctional officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2241) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to the Commonwealth's fire departments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2337) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joanne M. Comerford, William L. Crocker, Jr., Donald F. Humason, Jr., Nika C. Elugardo and other members of the General Court for legislation to extend veterans retirement buyback opportunities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2340) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to health insurance benefits for state employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2351) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation relative to genderless civil service positions; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2444) of Michael D. Brady and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt Matthew M. Clancy from Section 91 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2545).

For the committee,
Barry R. Finegold

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Ordered, That the committee on Public Service be authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 1467, 1468, 1472, 1477, 1479, 1480, 1482, 1484, 1486, 1488, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1509, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1516, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1524, 1527, 1528, 1532, 1533, 1535, 1537, 1539, 1540, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1561, 1563, 1564, 1566, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1581, 1582, 1584, 1586, 1587, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1596, 1597, 1598, 2241, 2337, 2340, 2351 and 2444 relative to public service issues.