

HOUSE No. 2706

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen R. LaNatra

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 credible service for school nurses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/12/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/28/2021</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>7/22/2021</i>

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By Mrs. LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2706) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and others relative to credible service for school nurses. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to credible service for school nurses.

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. Subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (h ½) the following
3 paragraph :—

4 (h ¾) Any school nurse who is a member in service of the teacher’s retirement system or
5 a municipal or city of Boston or state retirement system who is employed in a school approved
6 by the department of education may receive creditable service for any period or periods of work
7 experience in the nursing field. No credit shall be allowed until such member has paid into the
8 annuity savings fund of the system before any retirement allowance becomes effective for such
9 member, in one sum, or in installments, upon such terms and conditions as the board may
10 prescribe, makeup payments of an amount equal to 10 percent of the regular annual
11 compensation of the member when said member entered the retirement system for each year of
12 service so purchased, plus buy back interest. No credit shall be allowed and no payment shall be
13 accepted under this paragraph until the member shall have completed ten or more years of

14 membership service. The maximum creditable service allowable under this paragraph for any
15 member shall not exceed three years. Members in service of a retirement system eligible for said
16 creditable service under this act shall make application for said creditable service within ninety
17 days of being notified by the retirement board of their eligibility after becoming vested in the
18 retirement system or for currently eligible members, within ninety days of the effective date of
19 this act.