

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2679

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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SENATE, February 1, 2022.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1167) of Nick Collins and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1368) of John C. Velis and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to accidental disability retirement for police officers and firefighters; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1655) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to establish retirement parity for long term public defenders; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1656) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation relative to collectively bargained health & welfare plans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1664) of Nick Collins, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to survivor retirement benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1666) of Nick Collins and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation relative to the employee rights of employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1667) of Nick Collins 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. 1669) of Nick Collins, Brendan P. Crighton, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public-sector workers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1671) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to COVID-19 essential workforce quarantine; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1672) of Joanne M. Comerford, Sal N. DiDomenico and Christopher Hendricks for legislation to extend veterans retirement buyback opportunities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1674) of Brendan P. Crighton, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and Edward J. Kennedy for legislation relative to underperforming pension systems; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1675) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to creditable service for certain public safety officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1678) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to public higher education collective labor contracts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1679) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to special needs trusts and pensions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1680) of Brendan P. Crighton for legislation relative to ordinary disability

retirements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1682) of John Cronin, Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union, Timothy R. Whelan, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to GIC healthcare coverage for group 4 members pending disability retirement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1683) of Julian Cyr, Timothy R. Whelan, Brian W. Murray, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1685) of Julian Cyr, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Adam J. Scanlon and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to fair worker representation on joint purchasing group committees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1686) of Julian Cyr, Jack Patrick Lewis, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Adam J. Scanlon and others for legislation relative to the Commonwealth's fire departments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1687) of Julian Cyr, Timothy R. Whelan, Sarah K. Peake, Steven G. Xiarhos and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to harbor masters; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1688) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to ensure pension parity for County Jail and Lockup employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1689) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to ensure pay parity for County Sheriffs, Sheriffs' Correction Officers, Jail and Lockup Officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1690) of Sal N. DiDomenico and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation relative to retirement benefits for care givers at the Soldiers' Homes; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1692) of Sal N. DiDomenico and Susan L. Moran for legislation to establish creditable service for veterans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1693) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Michael D. Brady, Carol A. Doherty and Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to retirement classification; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1694) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Jack Patrick Lewis, Daniel J. Ryan, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide retirement security to care workers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1699) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation to designate constitutional officers as employers of the employees under their jurisdiction; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1700) of Diana DiZoglio relative to expenses incurred in defense against denial of benefits by incapacitated employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1703) of James B. Eldridge, Erika Uytterhoeven, Joanne M. Comerford and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation relative to the divestment of state pension funds from nuclear weapons; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1706) of Ryan C. Fattman 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. 1707) of Ryan C. Fattman and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to the retirement of state university and community college police officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1708) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to reform sick leave buybacks; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1709) of Paul R. Feeney and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation relative to Executive Office of Public Safety and Security dispatchers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1710) of Paul R. Feeney, Michael J. Soter, Kimberly N. Ferguson, Brian W. Murray and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Massachusetts certified emergency telecommunications; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1711) of Paul R.

Feeney for legislation to authorize a local option for group retirement classification; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1713) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to the composition of the Group Insurance Commission; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1715) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to retirement board membership; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1716) of Paul R. Feeney 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. 1720) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to line of duty death benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1728) of Anne M. Gobi, Joanne M. Comerford, Brian M. Ashe, Brendan P. Crighton and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to retirement classification of licensed drinking water operators; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1730) of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a study on providing absolute social security coverage for public employees; (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1731) of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a study on alternative retirement benefits of public employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1735) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Erika Uytterhoeven and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation relative to pension divestment from companies selling weapons to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1736) of John F. Keenan for legislation relative to surplus in retirement systems; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1738) of John F. Keenan for legislation to add employees of a city or town who are employed as licensed building inspectors to Group 2; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1740) of John F. Keenan for legislation to allow for payment in lieu of a disability allowance; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1744) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the active service buy-back program for firefighters and police officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1746) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to the SMART plan; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1748) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to the health and welfare of the University of Massachusetts police; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1749) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to the retirement of MassPort officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1750) of Michael O. Moore, Steven G. Xiarhos, Hannah Kane, Christopher Hendricks and others for legislation relative to line of duty death benefits for police officers employed by private colleges and universities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1751) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to grant a certain classification and early retirement creditable service to trial court chief probation officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1753) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to the alignment of the University of Massachusetts police; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1754) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to complete police reform by providing equity to state-employed and special authority law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1757) of John Pimental for legislation to classify Municipal Animal Control Officers in Group 4; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1759) of Patrick M. O'Connor 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. 1760) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to the size of the Group Insurance Commission Board; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1762) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for

legislation relative to corrections officers injured in the line of duty; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1763) of Marc R. Pacheco, Paul F. Tucker, Anne M. Gobi 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. 1764) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to line of duty injury benefits for public employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1765) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to the cost of living adjustment for public retirees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1768) of Thomas Brian Donnelly for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Thomas Brian Donnelly; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1769) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to creditable service for retirement purposes for non-public school service; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1770) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to veterans creditable service; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1773) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to retirement survivor benefits for Katherine M. McGuinness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1774) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to boston school police retirement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1776) of Michael F. Rush, Alan Silvia and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to veterans service officers retirement benefits; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1777) of Bruce E. Tarr, Alan Silvia, Steven G. Xiarhos and Michael O. Moore for legislation to compensate Captains in the Environmental Police; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1780) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to expand insurance choices for state and local employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1781) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to protect volunteer law enforcement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1783) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to sick leave buyback; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1784) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to victim witness advocate retirement classification; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1785) of Walter F. Timilty and William C. Galvin for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Demetrios Promousas; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1786) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to the safety of fire, police, and emergency medical technicians from contagious diseases; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1787) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to authorize creditable service for certain public higher education faculty and professional employees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1788) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to the retirement options of certain educational personnel; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1789) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to creditable service for school business administrators; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1792) of John C. Velis and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to correct inequities regarding the retirement of state-employed and special authority-employed police officers; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2444) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and Adam J. Scanlon for legislation relative to public employee income protection, reports the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2679).

For the committee,  
Michael D. Brady



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1           *Ordered*, That the committee on Public Service be authorized and directed to make an  
2 investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 1167, 1368, 1655, 1656,  
3 1664, 1666, 1667, 1669, 1671, 1672, 1674, 1675, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1682, 1683, 1685, 1686,  
4 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1699, 1700, 1703, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710,  
5 1711, 1713, 1715, 1716, 1720, 1728, 1730, 1731, 1735, 1736, 1738, 1740, 1744, 1746, 1748,  
6 1749, 1750, 1751, 1753, 1754, 1757, 1759, 1760, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1768, 1769, 1770,  
7 1773, 1774, 1776, 1777, 1780, 1781, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1792 and 2444  
8 relative to public service matters.