

HOUSE No. 4662

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kip A. Diggs

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 creditable service for Charles G. Lawrence, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Kip A. Diggs</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> | <i>12/1/2023</i> |

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By Representative Diggs of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kip A. Diggs relative to creditable service for Charles G. Lawrence, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to creditable service for Charles G. Lawrence, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to grant Charles G. Lawrence eligibility for the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and subject to the
2 conditions set forth in subsection (b), Charles G. Lawrence, a member of the Massachusetts
3 teachers' retirement system, shall be eligible for the alternative superannuation retirement benefit
4 program established in subdivision (4) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

5 (b) Eligibility for the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program pursuant to
6 section (a) shall be conditioned on payment by Charles G. Lawrence into the Massachusetts
7 teachers' retirement system of an amount that is commensurate with what he would have paid
8 under the alternative superannuation benefit program, minus the contributions that he already

9 paid into the retirement system for said period, plus regular interest, in 1 lump sum or
10 installments, as the Massachusetts teachers' retirement board shall prescribe.

11 (c) If Charles G. Lawrence becomes eligible for the alternative superannuation retirement
12 benefit program pursuant to this act, the Massachusetts teachers' retirement board shall
13 recalculate Charles G. Lawrence's superannuation retirement allowance using the formula for the
14 alternative superannuation retirement benefit program, and he shall then be deemed entitled to
15 said alternative superannuation retirement benefit program as of the date of his superannuation
16 retirement.