

HOUSE No. 3003

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan D. Zlotnik

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 a COVID-19 retirement credit study.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>John E. Nelson</i>	<i>MA Coalition of Police</i>	<i>4/15/2025</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>7/10/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>7/10/2025</i>

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By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3003) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik for an investigation by a special commission relative to awarding a retirement credit to certain public employees who worked between March, 2020 and at least January, 2021. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to a COVID-19 retirement credit study.

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

1 There shall be a commission to study and report on the cost and feasibility of awarding a
2 retirement credit to certain public employees who worked in their normal place of work,
3 performing their normal duties between March 13th 2020, and at least January 1st 2021. The
4 commission shall evaluate which employees should qualify for a credit, and by what criteria the
5 amount of that credit should be determined. Priority will be given to those employees who in the
6 normal course of their job continued to interact with members of the public or performed other
7 duties that put them at greater risk of exposure to covid-19. Employees who primarily worked
8 from their home, or who were not required as a condition of their employment to regularly report
9 to their normal place of work during this period shall not be eligible. Elected officials shall not
10 be eligible.

11 The commission shall be composed of 2 members appointed by each of the following, the
12 Speaker of the House, the Senate President, the Governor; 1 member appointed by each of the

13 following, the Minority Leader of the House, the Minority Leader of the Senate; 3 members
14 appointed by mutual agreement of the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the
15 Governor who serve in a leadership capacity in an association or union representing the interests
16 of the employees who would be eligible for the credit.