

HOUSE No. 5312

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 2026.

The committee on Public Service, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1395) of James J. O'Day, Paul McMurtry and Michael D. Brady relative to authorizing the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Early Education and Care to establish an individual retirement account program for personal care attendants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2741) of James Arciero and Nathan L. Mackinnon that the State Board of Retirement be authorized to grant creditable service to Nathan R. Mackinnon of Westford; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2742) of James Arciero and others relative to cost of living adjustments for retired public employees of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2744) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to veterans' buyback for certain public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2745) of Brian M. Ashe relative to establishing an elected and appointed board for the Hampden County Regional Retirement System; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2748) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to option (D) survivor allowance beneficiaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2750) of John Barrett, III that the North Adams retirement board be authorized to grant creditable service to Neal Bryan Martin for full-time work with the Hoosac Water Quality District; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2751) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to evaluations on certain veterans retired for disability; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2752) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to allowing certain police officers and firefighters to work beyond the mandatory retirement age; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2754) of David Biele relative to the employment of attorneys by county retirement boards; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2755) of David Biele relative to post retirement earnings and hours limitations for certain professional services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2756) of David Biele for legislation to further define the term "legislative body" relative to retirement boards in cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 2758) of Natalie M. Blais relative to the rate of vacation time for certain employees of the Commonwealth who are veterans and buyback creditable service; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2760) of Natalie M. Blais relative to non-membership service in public safety for certain uniformed members of paid fire or police departments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2761) of Nicholas A. Boldyga for legislation to regulate the employment of former employees of certain regulatory agencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2763) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to public pension fund divestment from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2765) of Daniel Cahill relative to the disability retirement law for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2769) of Simon Cataldo, Sean Garballey and others relative to creditable service for part-time employment for certain teachers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2770) of Michael S. Chaisson that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System be authorized to credit Diane Galanti with certain creditable service benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2772) of Tackey Chan and David Holway relative to injuries sustained in service of probation officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2773) of Tackey Chan for legislation to define the word "person" for retirement purposes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2778) of Tackey Chan and David Holway relative to attorney services or management consultants for services performed for collective bargaining or issues arising from collective bargaining contracts; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2779) of Tackey Chan and David Holway relative to employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority under the retirement law for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2780) of Tackey Chan and David Holway for legislation to designate constitutional officers as employers of the employees under their jurisdiction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2785) of Tackey Chan and David Holway relative to the monthly premium rate for the group health and medical insurance plan for employees of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2789) of Rob Consalvo relative to Group Insurance Commission trust fund; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2791) of Mark J. Cusack (NEEDS the approval of the mayor and town council) relative to post-retirement earnings for certain police officers in the city known as the town of Braintree; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2792) of Mark J. Cusack relative to retirement benefits for Brian P. Costello, Jr; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2793) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation

to provide local option for retirement boards to grant retirement to totally and permanently incapacitated workers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2794) of Mark J. Cusack relative to the cost of living adjustment for state and teacher retirees and certain long term career public retirees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2795) of Mark J. Cusack relative to creditable service for contract work by certain public retirees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2797) of Mark J. Cusack relative to creditable service for Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2803) of David F. DeCoste, Patrick Joseph Kearney and Patrick M. O'Connor (with the approval of the county commissioners) that the Plymouth County Retirement System be authorized to grant creditable service to David Osborne; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2804) of David F. DeCoste (with the approval of the county commissioners) that the Plymouth County Retirement System grant creditable service to Judy Hartigan for certain service to the town of Rockland; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2809) of Carol A. Doherty and others for legislation to require administrators of certain retirement plans of employees of subdivisions of the Commonwealth to disclose conflicts of interest; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2811) of Mindy Domb relative to public pension fund divestment from climate risk investments and negative economic impacts from carbon producing industries; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2812) of Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to public employee retiree benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2821) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Michael D. Brady and Colleen M. Garry relative to pension benefits for surviving spouses of Department of Children and Families social workers killed in the line of duty; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2822) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier relative to the membership of the board of the Group Insurance Commission; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2824) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to employees whose compensation is sourced from the deferred compensation program SMART Plan; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2825) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to expand access to retirement savings for certain state employees; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2827) of Christopher Richard Flanagan (with the approval of the county commissioners) for legislation to authorize Jeremiah Z. Valli to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2828) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to residency requirements for certain police officers,

firefighters and fire alarm division personnel; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2830) of Paul K. Frost relative to creditable service for certain emergency responders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2831) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a special legislative commission (including members of the General Court) to study the costs and feasibility of authorizing time served as an emergency medical technician, call firefighter, and police dispatcher to count for creditable service.; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2835) of Dennis C. Gallagher relative to the Commonwealth's pension liability fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2837) of Sean Garballey and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to increase the membership of the state retiree benefits trust fund board of directors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2843) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, James B. Eldridge and Danillo A. Sena for legislation to provide retirement incentives in public higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2847) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to the retirement of non-clerical workers of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2849) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jacob R. Oliveira relative to credible service for veterans serving as members of the State Staff; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2850) of Jessica Ann Giannino relative to the cancer presumption for police officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2854) of Danielle W. Gregoire relative to the participation of surviving spouse beneficiaries in contributory retirement board elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2855) of Richard M. Haggerty for legislation to exempt the executive director of the Municipal Police Training Committee from earnings limitations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2856) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to line-of-duty death and survivor benefits for police officers and firefighters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2857) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to court officers injured in service of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2858) of Ryan M. Hamilton relative to collective bargaining of employment, assignment and promotion for employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2859) of James K. Hawkins relative to establishing job permanency for MADOC instructors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2862) of James K. Hawkins that the State Board of Retirement be directed to grant an increased accidental disability retirement allowance to Howard S. Levine; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2863) of James K. Hawkins for legislation to provide certain employees in the

Department of Correction with line-of-duty death benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2867) of Natalie M. Higgins, Kenneth I. Gordon and James B. Eldridge for legislation to clarify civil service information furnished to law enforcement authorities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2868) of Russell E. Holmes relative to compensation of members of the General Court; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2872) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation relative to pension parity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2873) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide creditable service for certain teachers for retirement purposes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2874) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the Group Insurance Commission and Medicare health benefit supplement plans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2875) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to a universal sick leave bank policy for state agencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2876) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to retirement eligibility for certain Group 4 retirees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2877) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to disability pensions for violent crimes committed against certain public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2888) of Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the members of the insurance advisory committees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2890) of John J. Lawn, Jr., relative to transparency in municipal health insurance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2891) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf relative to pensions for children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2892) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to further regulate the state employees retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2895) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to collective bargaining of employment, assignment and promotion for employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2900) of Jay D. Livingstone and Mindy Domb relative to requiring public pension fund divestment from ammunition and firearms; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2903) of Marc T. Lombardo and Steven J. Ouellette relative to retiree work hours and pay limits; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2904) of Hadley Luddy and Dylan A. Fernandes relative to authorizing independent retirement systems to divest from fossil fuel companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2906) of Hadley Luddy relative to increasing the age of retirement for uniformed public safety personnel in designated seasonal communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2907) of John J. Mahoney relative to

group insurance costs for certain public retirees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2910) of Paul McMurtry relative to state police pensions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2911) of Paul McMurtry relative to applications for public employee retirement system creditable service buy backs for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2912) of Paul McMurtry, Rodney M. Elliott and Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to further regulate the retirement benefits of certain public safety employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2914) of Paul McMurtry relative to veteran judges' pensions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2916) of Paul McMurtry relative to survivor benefits for the spouses of retired state troopers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2919) of Joan Meschino relative to expanding access to civil service examinations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2924) of David K. Muradian, Jr. relative to retirement systems and pensions for correctional officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2925) of Tram T. Nguyen that the Executive Office for Administration and Finance fund the civil service unit of the Human Resource Division; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2927) of James J. O'Day relative to authorizing certain public employees' creditable retirement service; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2930) of Steven Owens relative to appeals to the Contributory Retirement Appeal Board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2931) of Kelly W. Pease relative to earnings for Michael Sacco for calendar year 2023; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2934) of Edward R. Philips for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to examine the feasibility of increases to cost-of-living adjustments for retirees of the Massachusetts State Police; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2936) of Edward R. Philips that the Massachusetts State Retirement Board provide a certain pension to Mary Coulter-Bennett, the surviving beneficiary of former State Police Detective Lieutenant William Coulter; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2938) of Bridget Plouffe for legislation to grant creditable service time for Massachusetts National Guard service; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2941) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. relative to providing for special death benefits to fallen public safety officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2945) of Sean Reid relative to limitations on earnings or hours for certain retired teachers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2950) of David Allen Robertson relative to injured and incapacitated state-employed police officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2952) of David Allen Robertson relative to work hours for state retirees;

the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2954) of Daniel J. Ryan relative to the funding ratio of the public employee retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2957) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to veterans' buyback; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2960) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and James B. Eldridge relative to non-Commonwealth entities within the state employees' retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2962) of Danillo A. Sena relative to benefits for certain firefighters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2963) of Alan Silvia relative to retirement buyback for veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2964) of Alan Silvia and David F. DeCoste relative to retirement for disability or death caused by certain conditions of cancer to certain explosive device canine handlers and bomb technicians; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2965) of Alan Silvia relative to providing prescription drug cost reimbursements to certain retirees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2966) of Alan Silvia relative to payment of pensioners for services after retirement; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2967) of Alan Silvia relative to employee retirement contributions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2973) of Priscila S. Sousa relative to compensation for bilingual police officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2974) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida relative to COVID-19 mandatory vaccinations and immunization passports for public employees; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2976) of Mark D. Sylvia, Mark C. Montigny and Antonio F. D. Cabral that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board be directed to grant creditable service to Eileen Mullen for certain service rendered at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2983) of Erika Uytterhoeven relative to certain investments of the Massachusetts Pension Reserve Investment Management; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2984) of Erika Uytterhoeven and Samantha Montañó relative to the divestment of state pension funds from companies providing military equipment to the State of Israel; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2989) of David T. Vieira (with the approval of the board of regional county commissioners) that Wayne Taylor be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2994) of Bud L. Williams relative to public employee retirement and pensions for certain veterans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2995) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet

program in the city of Boston; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2999) of Steven George Xiarhos relative to fair worker representation on joint purchasing group committees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3001) of Steven George Xiarhos and Joseph D. McKenna relative to supporting disabled first responders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3964) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and Jacob ; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Kip A. Diggs relative to public retirees and reforming post-retirement employment and earnings limits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4126) of Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to align public pensions with Massachusetts' net zero future; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4127) of Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to establish a pension innovation fund for intergenerational equity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4141) of John Barrett, III (by the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of North Adams be authorized to appoint retired North Adams police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4213) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) relative to the continued employment of firefighters in the town of Egremont, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4299) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to exempt the position of fire chief in said city from the provisions of the civil service law, reports (under the provisions of House Rule 27) recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5312) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

DANIEL J. RYAN.

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House of Representatives, March 30, 2026.

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Service be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 1395, 2741,
3 2742, 2744, 2745, 2748, 2750, 2751, 2752, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2758, 2760, 2761, 2763, 2765,
4 2769, 2770, 2772, 2773, 2778, 2779, 2780, 2785, 2789, 2791, 2792, 2793, 2794, 2795, 2797,
5 2803, 2804, 2809, 2811, 2812, 2821, 2822, 2824, 2825, 2827, 2828, 2830, 2831, 2835, 2837,
6 2843, 2847, 2849, 2850, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2858, 2859, 2862, 2863, 2867, 2868, 2872,
7 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2888, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2895, 2900, 2903, 2904, 2906, 2907,
8 2910, 2911, 2912, 2914, 2916, 2919, 2924, 2925, 2927, 2930, 2931, 2934, 2936, 2938, 2941,
9 2945, 2950, 2952, 2954, 2957, 2960, 2962, 2963, 2964, 2965, 2966, 2967, 2973, 2974, 2976,
10 2983, 2984, 2989, 2994, 2995, 2999, 3001, 3964, 4079, 4126, 4127, 4141, 4213 and 4299,
11 relative to public service matters.

12 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
13 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
14 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
15 on or before December 31, 2026.