

HOUSE No. 5356

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 13, 2026.

The committee on Public Service, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2743) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini relative to the retirement classification of harbor masters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2747) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the retirement group of the secretary and undersecretaries of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2767) of Coleman Walsh for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to collective bargaining negotiations between public sector employers and employee unions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2768) of Simon Cataldo and Kimberly N. Ferguson relative to retirement benefits for licensed electricians employed at regional school districts; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2774) of Tackey Chan and David Holway for legislation to include certain co-generation steam firemen and engineers in Group 4 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2776) of Tackey Chan and Michael O. Moore relative to retirement for municipal building officials; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2777) of Tackey Chan and David Holway for legislation to include sewerage treatment plant operators for the Department of Correction in Group 2 of the public employee retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2783) of Tackey Chan and David Holway for legislation to eliminate Group 1 of the contributory retirement system for public employees and reclassify persons currently classified in said group to Group 2; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2784) of Tackey Chan and David Holway relative to placing licensed electricians employed by the Commonwealth in Group 4 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2788) of Rob Consalvo and others relative to retirement benefits for certain licensed pipefitters and refrigeration technicians; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2805) of David F. DeCoste for

legislation to authorize employees of the South Shore Charter School to join the state employees retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2815) of Michelle M. DuBois and Michael D. Brady relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the Department of Public Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2819) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to retirement group reclassification for certain municipal police officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2820) of Rodney M. Elliott and others relative to state employee collective bargaining; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2829) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to the retirement classification of harbor masters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2832) of Paul K. Frost relative to the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System benefit calculation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2838) of Sean Garballey for legislation to include certain employees in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in Group 2 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2839) of Judith A. Garcia for legislation relative to retirement benefits for care givers at the Soldiers' Homes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2869) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to include certain employees of the Department of Youth Services in Group 4 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2870) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to include certain employees of the Department of Youth Services in Group 4 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2882) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne relative to benefits of employees who are required to respond to emergencies or work in hazardous environments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2894) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Michael D. Brady relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the Department of Transitional Assistance and the Department of Housing and Community Development; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2898) of David Paul Linsky relative to the retirement rights of certain criminal prosecutors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2899) of David Paul Linsky relative to benefits for social workers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2902) of Jay D. Livingstone for legislation to establish retirement parity for long term public defenders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2908) of John J. Marsi, Marcus S. Vaughn and Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to include certain highway workers in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in Group 4 of the contributory retirement

system; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2920) of Thomas W. Moakley, Julian Cyr and others relative to benefits for telecommunicators in Barnstable and Dukes Counties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2928) of James J. O'Day and Michael D. Brady relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the Department of Children and Families; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2943) of Orlando Ramos relative to employment benefits of certain employees of the Department of Developmental Services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2947) of David Allen Robertson relative to the retirement group for public safety officers, police officers or public safety officials of the Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health or Department of Developmental Services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2948) of David Allen Robertson relative to the retirement of public authority law enforcement employee groups; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2949) of David Allen Robertson relative to the retirement of public authority law enforcement employee groups; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2951) of David Allen Robertson relative to the Group 4 and Group 2 retirement classifications of the University of Massachusetts police; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2959) of Margaret R. Scarsdale relative to certain exemptions from the civil service laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2972) of Michael J. Soter and Steven George Xiarhos relative to reclassifying certain Unit 9 employees of the Massachusetts Department of Correction in Group 2 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2975) of Kenneth P. Sweezey, Patrick Joseph Kearney and others for legislation to further regulate the retirement rights of certain employees of Plymouth County; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2981) of Steven Ultrino relative to placing installation security officers in Group 4 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2982) of Steven Ultrino that assistant coordinators of the electric monitoring department of the Office of Probation shall be eligible for classification as members of Group 2 of the state contributory retirement board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3000) of Steven George Xiarhos and Homar Gómez relative to the retirement classification of licensed drinking water operators; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3902) of Edward R. Philips, William C. Galvin and William J. Driscoll, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoughton be authorized to exempt police officers from the civil service law; the joint petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 4177) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to exempt certain positions of the police department in said town from the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4268) of Marcus S. Vaughn (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to remove the position of lieutenant of the police department of said town from the civil service law; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4474) of James J. O'Day and Michael O. Moore (with the approval of the city council) relative to provisional employees of the city of Worcester and exempting certain positions from the civil service law, reports (under the provisions of House Rule 27) recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5356) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

DANIEL J. RYAN.

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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 2743, 2747,
3 2767, 2768, 2774, 2776, 2777, 2783, 2784, 2788, 2805, 2815, 2819, 2820, 2829, 2832, 2838,
4 2839, 2869, 2870, 2882, 2894, 2898, 2899, 2902, 2908, 2920, 2928, 2943, 2947, 2948, 2949,
5 2951, 2959, 2972, 2975, 2981, 2982, 3000, 3902, 4177, 4268 and 4474, relative to civil service
6 law, retirement benefits and other public service related issues.

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