

SENATE No. 1921**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 retirement equity for parenting teachers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>Hampden and Hampshire</i> | |
| <i>Simon Cataldo</i> | <i>14th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/21/2025</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/29/2025</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/31/2025</i> |
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> | <i>2/11/2025</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/11/2025</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/14/2025</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/28/2025</i> |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | <i>3/6/2025</i> |
| <i>Paul W. Mark</i> | <i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i> | <i>4/3/2025</i> |
| <i>Pavel M. Payano</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | <i>6/23/2025</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>8/20/2025</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>8/27/2025</i> |
| <i>John J. Marsi</i> | <i>6th Worcester</i> | <i>9/8/2025</i> |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>11/10/2025</i> |

SENATE No. 1921

By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1921) of John C. Velis, Simon Cataldo, Sean Garballey, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to retirement equity for parenting teachers. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to retirement equity for parenting teachers.

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

1 Subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (g) the following paragraph:-

3 (g1/4) A public school teacher who is a member of the teachers' retirement system, a
4 regional retirement system, or the Boston retirement system, and who has completed at least 20
5 years of service may be credited with creditable service for part-time employment as a teacher,
6 upon their return to full-time service, for the purpose of determining their superannuation
7 retirement allowance, on a proportionate basis which the board shall determine according to rules
8 and regulations adopted by the board and approved by the commission. The board shall credit as
9 full-time service that period of time during which a member performed part-time service as a
10 public school teacher, not to exceed 5 years. Eligibility for creditable service under this
11 subsection shall be conditioned upon payment by the member to the retirement system, in an
12 amount equal to that which would have been withheld as regular deductions from their regular

- 13 compensation for full time employment, in 1 lump sum or installments, as the board shall
- 14 proscribe, together with regular interest.