

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.2822

Title: *An Act relative to the size of the group insurance commission board*

Sponsor(s): Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier (*Pittsfield*)

Hearing Date: June 4, 2025

Reporting Deadline: August 3, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H.2513): Ordered to a House Study
2021-22 (H.2638): Ordered to a House Study
2019-20 (H.2245): Ordered to a House Study
2017-18 (H.1378): Ordered to a House Study
2015-16 (H.2288): Ordered to a House Study

Similar Matters: S.1890 (O'Connor – Identical)

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 32A § 3 – Group insurance commission: Establishes the group insurance commission within the executive office of administration and finance. The commission consists of the commissioner of administration and finance, the commissioner of insurance, and 13 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a retired state employee, 1 of whom shall be a health economist and at least 3 of whom shall be full-time state employees, 1 shall be a member of the Massachusetts Public Employees Council, #93, AFSCME, Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL–CIO, 1 shall be a member of the Massachusetts State Employees Association, NAGE, and 1 shall be a member of Local 254, S.E.I.U., 1 of whom shall be a management representative appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and 1 of whom shall be a labor representative appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the president of the teachers' union with the greatest amount of active and retired members enrolled in commission health plans. In addition, upon the transfer of 45,000 subscribers from municipal governmental units to the group insurance commission pursuant to section 19 of chapter 32B, there shall be an additional management representative appointed by the governor from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and an additional labor representative appointed by the governor from a list of 3 representatives of municipal public safety employees nominated by the president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the AFL–CIO.

SUMMARY:

The bill amends section 3 of chapter 32A by inserting language that specifies that one of the Governor's appointees must be a member of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists.