

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) BILL SUMMARY**

**Bill Number:** H.2999

**Title:** *An Act relative to worker representation on joint purchasing group committees*

**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Steven George Xiarhos (*Barnstable*)

**Hearing Date:** June 4, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** August 3, 2025

**Prior History:**

2023-24 (H.2687): Ordered to a House Study

2021-22 (H.2641): Ordered to a House Study

2019-20 (H.2247): Ordered to a House Study

2017-18 (H.2540): Ordered to a House Study

**Similar Matters:** S.1862 (Fernandes – Identical)

**CURRENT LAW:**

*M.G.L. c. 32B § 12 – Joint negotiation and purchase of insurance by governmental units; trusts or joint purchase agreements for health care coverage:* If they accept this chapter, two or more governmental units may join together in negotiating or purchasing insurance policies. They may also, through a trust or joint purchase agreement, join together when providing medical, hospital, surgical, dental, and other health coverage.

**SUMMARY:**

This bill amends section 12 of chapter 32B by adding that should a governmental agency enter into a trust or joint purchase agreement, a board and steering committee shall be established. A minimum of one quarter (25%) of the members shall come from labor representatives elected from a list of representatives nominated by the collective bargaining units and a retiree from one of the governmental units appointed by the Retired State, County, and Municipal Association of Massachusetts. All members will be considered voting members.