

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

Bill Number: H.2917
Title: *An Act relative to employees of the Dedham Westwood water district*
Sponsor(s): Rep. Paul McMurtry (*Dedham*)
Hearing Date: May 12, 2025
Reporting Deadline: July 11, 2025

Prior History:

New File

CURRENT LAW:

Ch. 192 of the Acts of 2014 – An Act granting creditable service to employees of the Dedham Westwood water district: Eligible employees of the Dedham-Westwood Water District who became members of the Norfolk County retirement system under chapter 151 of the Acts of 2006 will have a one-time opportunity to purchase creditable service for any service to the water district before chapter 151 was passed. Before any creditable service purchases are made, the retirement board will submit a request to the Internal Revenue Service to determine if this act may be implemented while maintaining compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. If the IRS issues a favorable determination, the Norfolk County retirement board must notify eligible members of the buyback opportunity within 60 days. Members must then make the appropriate payments within 120 days after they are notified.

SUMMARY:

The bill amends chapter 192 of the Acts of 2014 by striking sections two and three and replacing them.

Within 60 days of the act's effective date, the Norfolk County retirement system must request the Public Employee Retirement Commission's tax counsel to determine if the act can be implemented without violating the Internal Revenue Code.

Section one of the act will not take effect unless the retirement system receives a favorable determination that states that the act will not bring the retirement system or the Public Employee Retirement Commission out of compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. Within 60 days of receiving a favorable determination, the Norfolk County retirement board must notify eligible

members of the buyback opportunity. Members must make a lump sum payment or enter into a payment plan within 120 days of being notified.