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Substituted (on motion of Mrs. Harkins of Needham) for the House Bill relative to principal contracts (House, No. 2676, amended). December 21, 2000.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONTRACTS OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

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

- 1 The second paragraph of section 41 of chapter 71 of the
- 2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby
- 3 amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in
- 4 place thereof the following three sentences: The initial contract
- 5 term shall not exceed four years. Such contracts, after the expira-6 tion of the initial contract term shall be for a minimum of three
- 7 years, unless both parties agree to a shorter term of employment.
- 8 In cases where both parties agree to a shorter term of employment,
- 9 all subsequent contracts shall be for a minimum of three years, but
- 10 shall not exceed five years. In no case shall any such contract
- 11 exceed five years.