

HOUSE No. 2239

By Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, petition of Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court relative to the granting of certain retirement benefits to terminated teachers due to budgetary reductions. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER RETIREMENT.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law,
2 rule or regulation to the contrary, a teacher, as defined in Chapter
3 32, who has been laid off because of budget cuts and has been
4 recalled to active service may have such layoff time credited as
5 creditable service. The State Teachers Retirement Board and
6 State-Boston Retirement Board shall promulgate rules and regula-
7 tions concerning buyback payments with regular interest. Such
8 layoff time shall be considered as a leave of absence without any
9 break in service. This bill would allow teachers who were laid off
10 through no fault of their own but because of budget cuts to pur-
11 chase time as creditable service in the retirement system.

