

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2525

By Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, petition of Patricia D. Jehlen, Ellen Story, Anne M. Paulsen and J. James Marzilli, Jr., 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 Three.

### 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  
2 law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a teacher, as defined in  
3 Chapter 32, who has been laid off because of budget cuts and has  
4 been recalled to active service may have such layoff time credited  
5 as 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.

