

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and other members of the House that members of public employee retirement systems be required to submit to criminal background checks. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE STATE'S PENSION SYSTEM.

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

1 Section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
3 word "year", in line 216, the following clause:

4 (e) Any employee included in the state employees' retirement  
5 system, in the teachers' retirement system or in any county, city,  
6 town, the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the Massachusetts  
7 Housing Finance Agency, or the Massachusetts Port Authority  
8 contributory retirement system, the Massachusetts Bay Trans-  
9 portation Authority police retirement system, the Blue Hills  
10 Regional Vocational School retirement system, the Minuteman  
11 Regional Vocational Technical School District Employees' retire-  
12 ment system, and the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District  
13 Employees' retirement system, established under the provisions of  
14 sections one to twenty-eight, inclusive, or under corresponding  
15 provisions of earlier laws, and if the context so requires, any  
16 member of any contributory retirement system established under  
17 the provisions of any special law, who is entitled to become a  
18 member of the retirement systems and who fulfills all the condi-  
19 tions required to become a member of the retirement systems is  
20 also required to undergo a criminal background check before  
21 entering the system to determine if he was convicted of any of the  
22 offenses that would result in the forfeiture of pension rights under  
23 section 15 of chapter 32.

