

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1595**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Tackey Chan*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to binding arbitration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Tackey Chan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Norfolk*

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1595**

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1595) of Tackey Chan relative to binding arbitration for public employee collective bargaining proceedings. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1001 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to binding arbitration.

*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 1. Chapter 150E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 paragraph 5 in section 9, and inserting the following:—

3 If the impasse continues after the publication of the fact-finding report, either party, or  
4 the parties acting jointly, may petition the board to initiate arbitration proceedings, the result of  
5 which shall be a final and binding decision. Upon receipt of such petition, the board shall appoint  
6 a panel of three arbitrators from a list of qualified persons. In the alternative, the parties may  
7 agree upon the arbitrators and then notify the board of such agreement and choice of arbitrators.  
8 The panel shall transmit its finding and is final and binding decision to the board and to both  
9 parties within thirty days after the date of its appointment.