

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2341**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James Cantwell**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act limiting severance agreements of authorities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James Cantwell

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2575 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT LIMITING SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS OF AUTHORITIES.

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

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 31E the following section:—  
3 Section 31F. Any severance agreement negotiated by an authority, as defined in section 39 of chapter 3, shall be  
4 based upon the employee's length of service with the authority. No cash awards shall be made. Any consulting  
5 contract with the employee shall be based on fees for services, with services clearly defined. Any payment of legal  
6 fees for such employee shall be made only for actions of the employee made in good faith.