

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2486**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Jay R. Kaufman**

*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 to clarify creditable service for sabbatical leaves .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Joyce A. Spilotis	12th Essex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
Rosemary Sandlin	3rd Hampden
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Stanley C. Rosenberg	Hampshire and Franklin
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2602 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT TO CLARIFY CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR SABBATICAL LEAVES .

*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. Section 1 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding after line 490 the following definition:—  
3 “Sabbatical Leave”, leave which promises to contribute to the development of the faculty  
4 member or professional employee in the areas of teaching, research, creative or scholarly activity, or  
5 professional service, capability, and hence will contribute to the institution as a whole upon the return to  
6 the institution for at least one year following the academic year in which said leave takes place.

7           SECTION 2. Subdivision (1) of section 4 of Chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
8 after line 355 the following:—  
9 (s) Creditable service in the case of any member who retires on or after the effective date of this act shall  
10 include the period of any sabbatical leave awarded at a public institution of higher education to a faculty  
11 member or professional employee regardless of whether the sabbatical leave is granted with full or partial  
12 compensation, provided, however, that such creditable service shall be granted at a rate of one half for a  
13 sabbatical leave where the member has contributed at half the rate of his or her regular rate and full  
14 creditable service where the member has contributed at the full rate and provided, further, that a faculty  
15 member or professional employee who had such full-year sabbatical leave or leaves approved prior to  
16 July 29, 1991, shall, for the first of such leaves, contribute the regular deductions which would ordinarily  
17 be assessed based upon the date of such persons entry into the retirement system.