

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 municipal unemployment insurance reform.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Cynthia S. Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk	
Mathew Muratore	1st Plymouth	2/3/2017
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth	2/3/2017
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	2/8/2017

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 992) of Cynthia S. Creem, Mathew

Muratore, Thomas J. Calter and F. Jay Barrows for legislation relative to municipal unemployment insurance reform. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 961 OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

An Act relative to municipal unemployment insurance reform.

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 28A of said chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the
- 2 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following:-
- 3 (e) with respect to any services described in subsections (a) and (b) that are provided to or
- 4 on behalf of an educational institution, benefits shall not be paid to any individual under the
- 5 same circumstances as described in subsections (a) through (c).
- 6 SECTION 2: Section 29 of said chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
- 7 hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d)(6) the following:-
- 8 (7) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this subsection, the amount of 9 benefits otherwise payable to an individual for any week that begins in a period with respect to

10 which such individual is receiving governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, 11 annuity, or any other similar periodic payment from a defined benefit plan that is based on the 12 previous work of such individual for the separating employer or for a base period employer shall 13 be reduced by an amount equal to 65 per cent of the amount of such payment that is reasonably 14 attributable to such week; provided, however, that such reduction shall apply only when such 15 separating or base period employer employed the individual for at least 75 per cent of the 16 individual's total length of service on which the defined benefit plan is based; and provided, 17 further that such reduction shall apply only if, and to the extent, then consistent with section 18 3304(a)(15) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Payments received under the Social Security 19 Act shall not be subject to this paragraph.