

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2602**

By Representative Kaufman of Lexington and Senator Joyce, joint petition of Jay R. Kaufman and others for legislation to provide creditable service for retirement purposes for certain sabbatical leaves. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

Jay R. Kaufman	Willie Mae Allen
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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

1 SECTION 2. Subdivision (1) of section 4 of Chapter 32, as so  
2 appearing, is hereby amended by adding after line 355 the  
3 following:—  
4 (s) Creditable service in the case of any member who retires on or  
5 after the effective date of this act shall include the period of any sab-  
6 batical leave awarded at a public institution of higher education to a

7 faculty member or professional employee regardless of whether the  
8 sabbatical leave is granted with full or partial compensation, pro-  
9 vided, however, that such creditable service shall be granted at a rate  
10 of one half for a sabbatical leave where the member has contributed  
11 at half the rate of his or her regular rate and full creditable service  
12 where the member has contributed at the full rate and provided, fur-  
13 ther, that a faculty member or professional employee who had such  
14 full-year sabbatical leave or leaves approved prior to July 29, 1991,  
15 shall, for the first of such leaves, contribute the regular deductions  
16 which would ordinarily be assessed based upon the date of such per-  
17 sons entry into the retirement system.