

SENATE NO. 273

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DEFINING PRINCIPAL'S CONTRACTS

*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. The second paragraph of section 41 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence,
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 "School principals shall enter into individual employment contracts with the districts that
5 employ them concerning the terms and conditions of their employment. The initial contract with
6 each individual school district shall be for a minimum of 1 year and shall not exceed 3 years.
7 The second contract shall be for a minimum of 3 years and shall not exceed 5 years, unless both
8 parties agree to a shorter term of employment. All subsequent contracts in said district shall be
9 for a minimum of 3 years and shall not exceed 5 years. These conditions, as set forth in this
10 section, shall apply in full to the initial contract of each school principal regardless of past
11 employment history in the Commonwealth.

12 SECTION 2. Principals entering into subsequent contracts with a school district that employed
13 them on the effective date of this act shall be treated as school principals entering into their
14 second contract period and subject to all further terms and conditions."