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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Susan C. Fargo***

*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:

An Act relative to maternity benefits for teachers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Susan C. Fargo* | ☐ *[District]* ☐ |
| *Kay Khan* | *11th Middlesex* |
| *Kenneth J. Donnelly* | ☐ *[District]* ☐ |
| *James J. O'Day* | *14th Worcester* |
| *Anne M. Gobi* | *5th Worcester* |
| *Cleon H. Turner* | *1st Barnstable* |

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By Ms. Fargo, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1298) of O'Day, Donnelly, Gobi and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to maternity benefits for teachers [Joint Committee on Public Service].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *1060* OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to maternity benefits for teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in subdivision (1), after paragraph (g1/2) the following paragraph:-

(g 3/4). The period or periods before 1975 during which any retired member of the Teachers Retirement System or any retired member of the Boston Teachers Retirement System resigned for the purposes of maternity leave or was on unpaid leave of absence for such purposes from the governmental unit in which the member was employed as a teacher and had established membership in a Massachusetts contributory retirement system shall be allowed under this paragraph a maximum of creditable service not to exceed four years creditable service. No credit shall be allowed under this paragraph for any member who was not retired as of September 1, 2000. The maximum credit shall not exceed the 80% allowed under the A Option. Said increase to a retiree's pension will commence in the month following the bill becoming law.