

TENNESSEE PASSES PAYROLL PROTECTION, ELIMINATES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

NASHVILLE— Gov. Bill Haslam signed his teacher tenure, bill into law Tuesday, predicting that the effect of his first major piece of legislation will be felt for many, many years.

The bill makes it harder for new teachers to win and keep tenure protections, lengthening the time it takes a teacher to qualify for tenure from three years to five...

Even after being granted tenure, teachers can fall back into probationary status if they fall into the two bottom rankings for two consecutive years.

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Gov. Bill Haslam said Tuesday he wants to give districts the option of ditching a state mandated salary scale and creating pay plans that address their own needs, plus reward high performers. Denver City Schools and several other districts tie teacher pay to student performance.

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NASHVILLE— Thousands of Tennessee teachers will lose their collective bargaining powers while corporations can now contribute directly to state and local political campaigns under two GOP legislative initiatives signed into law by republican Gov. Bill Haslam.

Both laws take effect immediately.

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The virtual Public Schools Act (SB 714/ HB732, 2011 PC 288) opens the market to private and non-profit corporations to open and operate “virtual schools” in Tennessee.

Tennessee school districts receive an average of \$6,000 per student. The law mandates these monies follow students attending [virtual schools] VSOs. Because VSOs don't require school buildings, cafeterias, libraries, or bus services, HB 1030 opponent Rep Mike Stewart (D-Nashville) says companies such as for-profit K12, Inc.- the nation's largest private online learning company and major lobbyist for the bill-will receive huge windfalls.

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DO WE WANT TO BE THE NEXT TENNESSEE?

PAYROLL PROTECTION HAS QUALIFIED FOR THE CALIFORNIA NOVEMBER 2012 BALLOT!

IF PASSED, CTA WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO COLLECT THE MONEY NECESSARY TO PROTECT YOUR RETIREMENT, DUE PROCESS, AND FAIR EVALUATIONS

BE INFORMED, GET INVOLVED, PROTECT YOUR FUTURE!



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FACT SHEET: 2012 Paycheck Deception Measure

The latest version of Paycheck Deception, a ballot measure designed to severely restrict unions' role in politics, has qualified for the November 2012 ballot. This measure is even more destructive than previous Paycheck Deception measures we've defeated. It would impact EVERY union in California, while allowing corporations to have free rein to exert limitless influence on our political system.

THE FACTS:

PAYCHECK DECEPTION and UNIONS

- This measure goes straight at unions' ability to give their members a voice in politics. It prohibits **ANY contributions collected via payroll deduction (ie member dues) to ballot measure committees** as well as **independent expenditures** supporting or opposing state and local candidates and ballot measures.
- Further, the **measure prohibits ANY direct contributions by unions to state and local candidates** or the controlled committees of such candidates.
- Unlike Prop. 75, which targeted public sector unions, this **measure would apply to ALL public and private sector unions.**
- Members would be required to **provide annual written authorization** before unions can accept member funds received through means other than payroll deductions (which are banned outright) to ballot measures and independent expenditures in support or opposition to candidates.

PAYCHECK DECEPTION and CORPORATIONS

- While the initiative blocks corporations from using payroll deduction for political spending, **corporations generally do not engage in payroll deduction**, so the provision would not apply to most businesses.
- Corporations would still be permitted make **UNLIMITED independent expenditures** in support or opposition to candidates. The same goes for **corporate contributions** to ballot measures.
- Corporations will retain the ability to use **corporate profits, rents, investment income, organizational dues** from other corporations and any other source of non-employee based revenues to support political spending.