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BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

June 18, 2011

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 727, "An Act to Eliminate the Dues Check-off Option for Active and Retired Public School Employees."

This bill is simply one more attack on teachers by the Republicans in the General Assembly. The effect of Senate Bill 727 is to unfairly and arbitrarily single out one group, given that State law allows a dues check-off option for every other comparable association of employees. It does so without even attempting to offer any rational basis why – which is not surprising, because no rational basis exists. In addition to being unfair, this bill is also illegal because it violates the rule under our State Constitution that similar groups must be treated similarly.

In short, the Republican leadership is punishing teachers because teachers had the "audacity" to publicly protest a budget that contains the most devastating cuts to education in our State's history. Teachers have rights, and I refuse to allow the General Assembly to take them away.

Therefore, I veto this bill.


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This bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this 18th day of June, 2011, at 10:22 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.

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