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Legislative Brief

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Please Note: The following is merely a brief look at the final dispensation of some of the major bills we were following during the 2011 Legislative Session. A more detailed report will be made available following the publication of the House and Senate Session Summaries.

Worker Gag Bill SB 830/HB 1021.....**Failed**
(Prohibition of dues deduction/Prohibition on political expenses)

Teacher Merit Pay SB 736/HB 7019.....**Passed**
("Son of SB6")

Unemployment Insurance - SB 728/HB 7005.....**Passed**
(54% reduction in benefit weeks/easier to terminate employees without benefits/changes in law to disadvantage employees during unemployment hearings)

TABOR- SB 958/HB 7221.....**Passed**
(Constitutional amendment to place a cap on state revenues)

Automatic Decertification- SB 1720/ HB 1025**Failed**

Medicaid Privatization SB 2144/HB 7107.....**Passed**

Labor Practices on Public Construction Projects HB 923/SB 1352.....**Failed**
(Prohibition of Project Labor Agreements, Local Hiring Ordinances, and Prevailing Wages)

Immigration SB 2040/HB 691.....**Failed**
(An "Arizona Like" Immigration package)

Elections SB 2086/ HB 1355**Passed**
(Reduction in early voting/restrictions on voter registration activities /Prohibition on voter protection activities/50% reduction in the time to conduct citizen's initiative drives etc.)

Florida Retirement System SB 2100/ HB 1405.....**Passed**
(3% contribution rate/Reductions in COLA for new hires etc.)

Local Pensions SB 1128/HB 7241.....**Passed**
(Changes to police/fire and some other local pensions systems)

Telecom Deregulation - SB 1524/HB 1231.....**Passed**

Seaport Security - SB 524/HB 283.....**Passed**

Health Care SB 2/HB 1.....**Passed**

Prohibition of local wage theft ordinances - SB 982/HB 241.....**Failed**

Minimum Wage- SB 1610/HB1425.....**Failed**

Repeal of the "Blain Amendment" SB 1218/ HB 1471.....**Passed**
(Repeal of the prohibition of tax dollars going to religious institutions)