

From the BFT Office - please share with family, friends and colleagues urging them **NOT TO SUPPORT** Senate Bill 6. This insidious bill is designed to completely derail public education.

**SB 6 -an assault on public education**

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Senate committee to vote WEDNESDAY

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It seems every time the state Legislature meets, lawmakers come up with another hare-brained scheme to "fix" our schools. As dedicated school employees, we thought we had endured the worst of it: testing gone wild, ever changing standards, attacks on the class size amendment and mandates on when, what and how we teach.

But now the very same politicians that brag about Florida's rising test scores want to drive our teachers out of the classroom with ***Senate Bill 6***.

This bill would strip teachers of **all** due process and **most** of the rights provided by collective bargaining agreements.

**Senate Bill 6 would:**

- **Require** that *all* teachers will be retained, certified and compensated based on student test scores -- not years of experience or degrees held.
- **Penalize** school districts that even *consider* length of service or degrees held when determining compensation or reductions in force.
- **Mandate** that teachers be issued probationary contracts for up to five years; then an *annual contract* every year after that ... eliminating professional service contracts.
- **Increase** testing for students (end of course exams for all subjects) and for teachers (additional certification requirements)

***Your union is saying: 'enough is enough!' But we can't do it alone. We need your help.***

**Please call or e-mail the members of the Senate Education Committee and ask them why they are trying to drive our good teachers out of the classroom. Ask them why they would support a bill that strips away local control of schools, raises property taxes and forces yet another unfunded mandate on our public schools.**

**Ask them to vote NO on Senate Bill 6.**

Committee on Education Pre-K-12 website - [http://www.flsenate.gov/cgi-bin/View\\_Page.pl?Tab=committees&Submenu=1&File=index.html&Directory=committees/senate/ED/](http://www.flsenate.gov/cgi-bin/View_Page.pl?Tab=committees&Submenu=1&File=index.html&Directory=committees/senate/ED/)

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