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TSEA Outraged at Governor's Un-democratic move!

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee State Employees Association is perplexed by Governor's Phil Bredesen's unprecedented decision to request of state legislators more power than any previous Tennessee Governor. The Governor introduced a bill to the 106th General Assembly without going through the standard committee process. The bill will circumvent the law that protects state employees from unfair treatment and targeting during the process of transfer, reorganization or layoffs.

The Tennessee State Employees Association believes this is a desperate attempt when times are not yet desperate. "The federal government is going to pass a bailout that will significantly affect Tennessee's state budget and the Governor must wait until we see the whole picture before resorting to drastic measures that suspend the current law," said Jim Tucker, TSEA Executive Director. It has been said that absolute power corrupts, absolutely. "It is easy to set aside the laws when they are inconvenient, but a true manager or Governor can lead through adversity without allowing power to influence decisions. Let our legislative process work," continued Tucker

Governor Bredesen stated that he needs these powers to manage the state's deficit. "Targeting knowledgeable and dedicated state employees for termination is not going to help Tennessee's economy and reducing the workforce any further will result in Tennesseans waiting for or doing without services they have become accustomed to," said Tucker.

TSEA is a nonprofit association existing to provide a strong unified voice with which it advocates the work-related interests of members. The attainment of association objectives will ensure a better life for our members and will attract and retain an effective, efficient state workforce to provide services for all Tennesseans. TSEA was established in 1974. For further information, visit the Web site at www.tseaonline.org.

