

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda-underwritten by global corporations-includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With ALEC EXPOSED, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. DO YOU?

Did you know that an online for-profit school company was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

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Summary

This bill will require teacher's unions to disclose within a specified amount of time how much union staff are being paid, including salaries and fringe benefit packages.

Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1. {Definitions}

- (A) "Available" means available for inspection at no cost upon written request at the local office of the teachers' union.
(B) "Employer Paid Benefits" means any payment by a teacher's union to an employee, former employee, or dependent of an employee or former employee which would not have been made if the employee or former employee had not been employed by a teachers' union.
(C) "Represented employees" means any member of a teachers' union or those teachers or school support services employees who pay partial payment to the teachers' union for representation.
(D) "Union Employee" means someone who works for the teachers' union or spends their time primarily performing duties designed to manage, promote or provide support for the functioning of the teachers' union.
(E) "Teachers' union" means any association or organization of employees, and any agency, employee representation committee, or plan in which employees participate that exists, in whole or in part, to advocate on behalf of teachers or school support services employees about grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work.
(F) "Wages and Salaries" means all payments made either directly or indirectly to an employee of a teachers' union.

Section 2. {Reporting}

- (A) Teachers' unions shall prepare and maintain contemporaneous records recording the amount of all wages and salaries and employer paid benefits being provided to all union employees.
(B) Teachers' unions shall make such records available for inspection to all represented employees within (28) days after a request for inspection.
(C) Failure to provide access to the requested records within the allotted time will result in a penalty of (\$\$\$) per day being assessed against the teachers' union until such time as the information is provided to the represented employee.

Section 3. {Severability Clause}

Section 4. {Repealer Clause}

Were your laws repealed?

Section 5. {Effective Date}

Related Files

Teachers' Right to Know (Microsoft Word Document)

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary: This model legislation requires teacher's unions to disclose how much union staff are being paid including salaries and benefits. This is one of a number of proposals discussed to reduce the power of teacher unions.