



## **IN TENNESSEE, THE TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS BACK TO WORK ACT WILL PROVIDE \$596 MILLION IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT UP TO 9,400 EDUCATOR JOBS**

*The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will save or create nearly 400,000 education jobs through critical investments in the education of our nation's children. Specifically, The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will invest \$30 billion to support state and local efforts to retain, rehire, and hire early childhood, elementary, and secondary educators. Facing a budget shortfall in 2012, cuts to state and local spending on education will place thousands of Tennessee teacher jobs at risk. The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will provide Tennessee with an additional \$596 million in funds that will support 9,400 education jobs, provide a jolt to the state economy, and improve the quality of education. By asking millionaires to pay their fair share, The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will grow the Tennessee economy without adding a dime to the deficit.*

### **Democrats Helped Tennessee Avoid an Even Worse Situation, Preventing Hundreds of Potential Layoffs.**

Without Democratic intervention in 2010, Tennessee school districts would have been forced to lay off as many as 350 teachers. Recognizing the financial difficulty that many state and local governments were experiencing, Democrats shepherded the bipartisan Education Jobs Act into law, thereby protecting 3,700 education jobs in Tennessee. Unfortunately, thousands of teacher jobs are still at stake today. [U.S. Department of Education analysis, 8/6/10; National Education Association, 5/10]