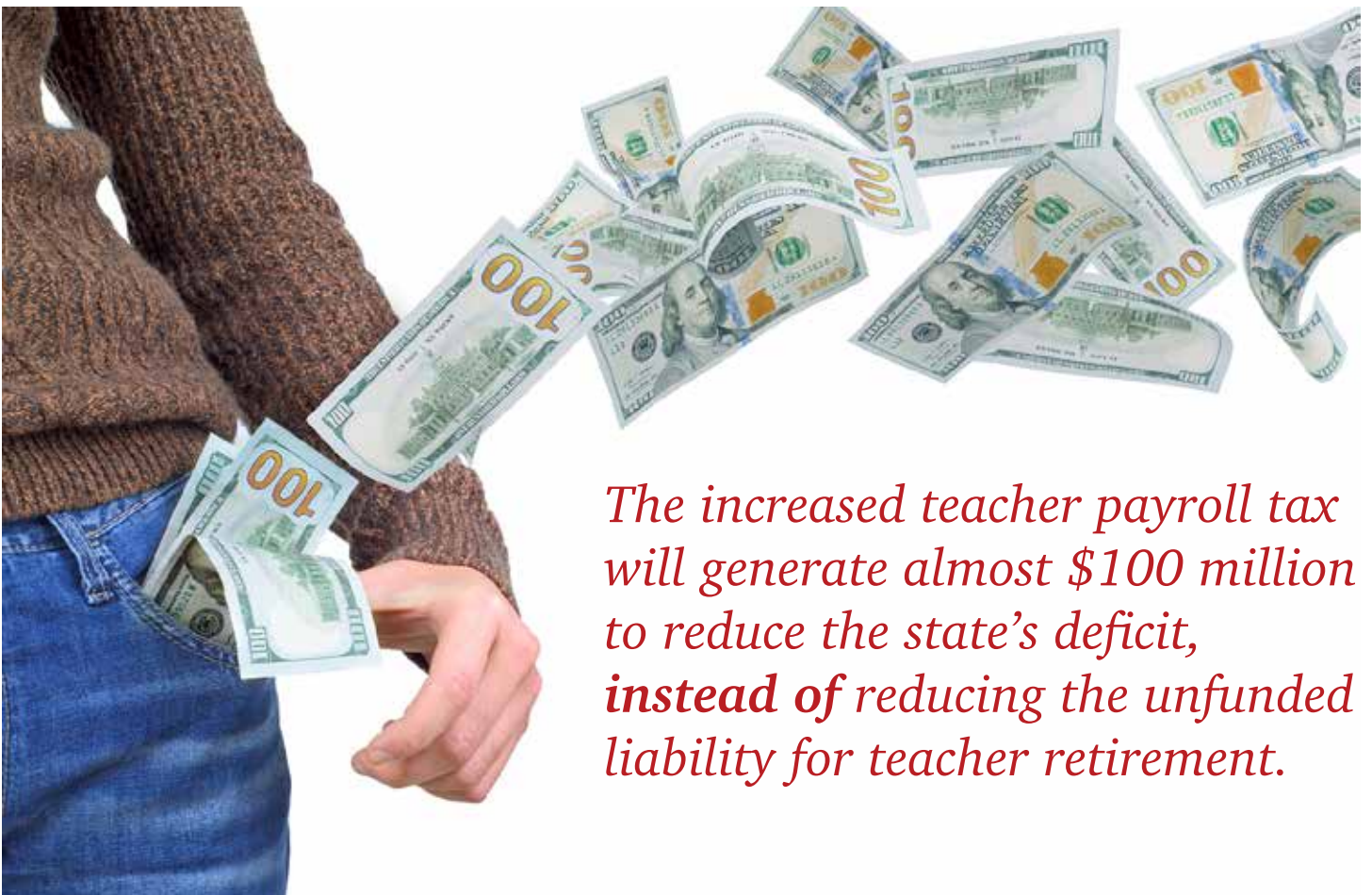


THE FACTS ABOUT THE TEACHER TAX

- Teachers currently pay a 6% payroll tax to support retirement pensions.
- The Republican budget increases the payroll tax by 2% over the next two years, for a total of 8% in 2018.
- For the average teacher, this additional 2% will cost more than \$1,500 per year.
- The dollars will then be used to supplant payments the state is making into the teacher retirement fund, allowing the state to keep almost \$100 million to balance the budget.

The increased payroll tax is a tax on teachers that

- 1) will not be applied to the state's unfunded liability for teacher retirement,
- 2) will generate almost \$100 million to reduce the state's deficit instead of reducing the unfunded liability for teacher retirement.



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