

Talking Points

SFY 2013-14 Executive Budget Proposal A.3007/S.2607 ELFA Article VII, Part Q

1. This measure will destroy collective bargaining as it exists today. If an employer is determined to be fiscally distressed, there will be no incentive for such employer to negotiate a contract or even to reach settlement at the mediation stage.

2. The Cornell Report provides that there are no significant differences between negotiating a contract and arbitration awards over the long term. Why fix what is not broken? Why not a four year extension of the existing statute?

3. Why are police and fire members singled out?

4. Labor has sacrificed enough:
 - A. Tier 5

 - B. Tier 6

 - C. The 2% tax cap has resulted in contracts with little or no salary increases and increases in employee contributions for health insurance benefits.