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## States across the U.S. Face Budget Challenges

from the office of Governor Phil Bredesen

### Alabama

Governor Riley's budget cuts \$400 million from the state education budget (more than half of that from four-year colleges). These cuts could lead to layoffs.<sup>1</sup>

### Arizona

Efforts to balance the state's budget include approximately \$311 million in cuts to state agencies and more than \$300 million in cuts to agency fund balances.<sup>2</sup>

### California

An estimated 20,000 teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses, and support staff may be laid off in response to a \$4.8 billion cut in the state's education funding.<sup>3</sup>

### Florida

Considering cutting up to 2,000 prison workers — guards and probation officers. Cuts would be the equivalent of closing up to three prisons.<sup>4</sup>

### Minnesota

Planned education cuts are expected to result in laying off at least 1,000 teachers.<sup>5</sup>

### New Jersey

Governor Corzine has announced plans to close nine state parks and reduce operations at three others.<sup>6</sup> Agriculture, commerce, and personnel departments could be cut, resulting in laying off or providing early retirement to 3,000 state workers.<sup>7</sup>



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## Missouri

Recent figures show the state's revenues in April were approximately 10 percent lower than the same month in 2007.<sup>8</sup>

## Other

At least 10 states have announced hiring curbs. In addition, 27 states face projected budget shortfalls in FY09.<sup>9</sup>

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