

Teachers' Union Asks Supreme Court to Restore Tenure

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The largest teachers' union in Kansas is asking the state Supreme Court to overturn a 2014 law that stripped public school teachers of guaranteed tenure.

The court heard arguments Tuesday on the Kansas National Education Association's challenge to the law over how legislators included it in a larger education funding measure.

A national union attorney said adding the anti-tenure provision to what was essentially an appropriations bill violates the state constitution's requirement that legislative bills have only a single subject.

State Solicitor General Stephen McAllister said all of the bill's provisions fit under a single subject because lawmakers called it an act concerning education.

The anti-tenure provision repealed a law that gave teachers who faced dismissal after three years in the classroom the right to an independent review.

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