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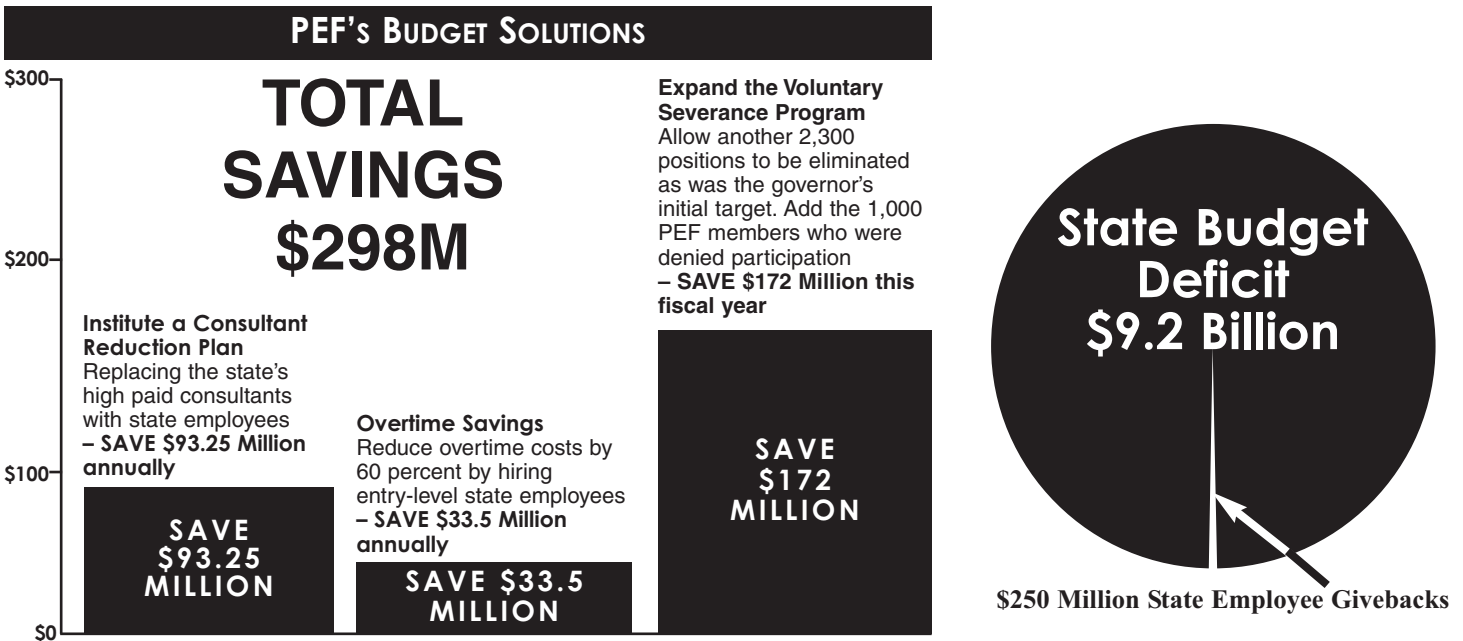
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PEF To Governor; Cuts To The Work Force Aren't The Only Option.

Albany - While the New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF) is pleased with the court decision granting our temporary restraining order to stop the furloughs of state employees, there is more work to do toward closing the budget gap.

“The governor continues to insist state employee unions aren't sacrificing and are uncooperative in helping to address the state's fiscal crisis,” said PEF President Kenneth Brynien. “That is patently false. PEF has given the governor proposals to cut hundreds of millions of dollars, including cutting contract consultants, reducing overtime and expanding the voluntary severance program,” Brynien said.



“Unfortunately, the governor spent the past three weeks focused on the .2 of the 9.2 billion dollar deficit. Our position has been and remains: the state should be doing everything possible to reduce costs and waste before targeting the work force and the services we provide to the taxpayers. We remain ready to help the governor achieve the savings through the solutions we have provided,” Brynien added.

PEF's is the state's second-largest state-employee union representing 58,000 professional, scientific and technical employees.