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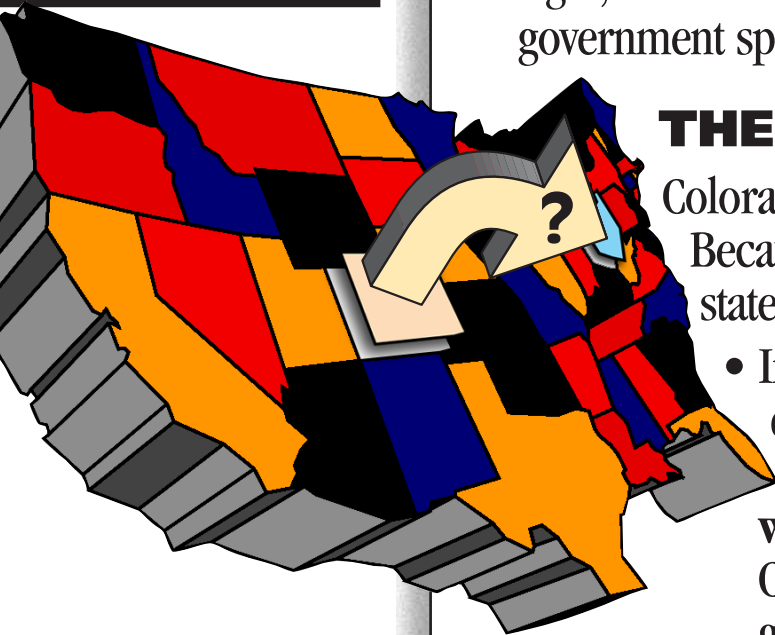
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# A PROVEN FAILURE...

...is the best way to describe a newly-proposed amendment to the Ohio constitution – an amendment that would set rigid, restrictive rules about government spending. In the

only other state that's implemented something similar, Colorado, the amendment has undermined health care, education and the state's economy.



## THE TOLL IN COLORADO

Colorado passed its amendment in 1992.

Because of this amendment, conditions in that state have deteriorated:

- Investment in education has **fallen dramatically**. Spending for K-12 education and teacher salaries have become **the worst in the nation**. The effect is clear: Colorado now **ranks 48th** in high school graduation rates.
- Spending on higher education per \$1,000 of income is less than **half the amount** it was in 1992.
- In 1992, Colorado ranked 23rd in pre-natal care. By 2004, it had **dropped to 50th**. It also ranks last in the nation in childhood immunizations and **45th** in low-income enrollment in Medicaid.

## WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN OHIO?

A similar amendment to the Ohio constitution would forever hamper Ohio's ability to invest in higher education, transportation infrastructure, health care, public safety and primary and secondary education.

**If this amendment sounds like a bad deal to you, become active in derailing this ballot initiative. Log on to OCSEA's website ([www.ocsea.org](http://www.ocsea.org)) for ways you can help!**

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