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The Association of Employers of FBiH held a press conference, from where they submitted requests again at all levels of government. Once again, they turned their attention to the Government of FBiH on the initiative that this instance of government to amend 25 laws and initiate six initiatives to improve the position of employers and business environment in FBiH.

- We are trying to raise the role of employers to a higher level, to be more actively involved in all social processes, to take a bigger role, and to change the perception of the public with which we are not satisfied. We want to influence the authorities to hear our voice and to get our initiatives passable, said Chairman of the Board of Directors Association of Employers of the Federation Adnan Smailbegović.

Cantonal authorities expect to more actively reduce the parafiscal charges, but also to change the enrollment policies and curricula, and adapt them to the needs of the market.

- There are more than 3,000 parafiscal charges on all levels but it is very difficult to calculate that mass of money. However, the World Bank study says that FBiH profit tax is 10 percent, which is fairly low compared to the region, but when all these charges are added, the real estimate is that this tax is 23 percent. That is why we have been asked to form a commission to deal with the problem of tax. As far as education is concerned, the policy of enrollment in secondary schools and faculties has to adapt to the labor market, to enable this staff to be released immediately, because a lot of employers first invest in staff, train them to do business, though they should be taught in education, Smailbegović added.

Employees in FBiH will not follow a smaller BiH entity and require the implementation of the incentive model proposed by the RS Government with the latest legal solution. Instead of subtracting 70 percent of tax on each amount paid above 550 BAM, employers in the FBiH seek lower contribution rates.

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"This is a good model and will certainly contribute to the increase in wages and salaries, but we did not think about it, because we are going to reduce the contribution by 20 percent, and think about the appropriate incentive model," Smailbegovic said.