

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

PAYCHEX, INC.

(exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

911 Panorama Trail South
Rochester, New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

16-1124166
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

14625
(Zip Code)

PAYCHEX, INC. 2002 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN
(as amended and restated effective October 12, 2005)
(Full title of the Plan)

John M. Morphy
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Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
Paychex, Inc.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered(1)	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(1)
Common Stock \$.01 par value	20,000,000	\$39.64	\$792,800,000	\$93,312.56

- (1) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Plan described herein, including additional shares of common stock as may be issuable pursuant to anti-dilution provisions of the Plan.
- (2) Inserted solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h)(1). As instructed by Rule 457(h)(1) and estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c), based upon the average of the high and low prices for the Registrant's common stock in trading on The Nasdaq Stock Market on November 2, 2005.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Paychex, Inc. (the "Company") is filing this registration statement to register an additional 20,000,000 shares of its common stock for issuance pursuant to its amended and restated 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The increase in the number of shares authorized for issuance under the Plan was approved by the Company's stockholders at their 2005 Annual Meeting, held on October 12, 2005. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of the earlier registration statements related to the Plan on Form S-8 filed November 7, 2002 (Registration No. 333-101074) and on Form S-8 filed October 1, 1998 (Registration No. 333-65191) are incorporated herein by reference except to the extent supplemented, amended or superseded by the information set forth herein. Only those Items of Form S-8 containing new information not contained in the earlier registration statements are presented herein.

Part II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE
REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents which have been filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2005 filed pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, filed on July 22, 2005, including information incorporated by reference in the Form 10-K from the Registrant's definitive proxy statement for its 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on August 31, 2005.

(b) The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed October 17, 2005, September 27, 2005, August 31, 2005 and July 11, 2005.

(c) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended August 31, 2005, filed on September 27, 2005.

(d) The description of the Registrant's common stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 2-85103) and in any amendment or report filed for the purpose of amending such description.

In addition, all documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the date of this Registration

Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

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_____ J. Robert Sebo	Director
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_____ Joseph M. Tucci	Director
* By: <u>/s/ John M. Morphy</u>	John M. Morphy, as Attorney-in-fact

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
4-1	Paychex, Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended and restated effective October 12, 2005)	Filed Herewith
5-1	Legal Opinion of Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP	Filed Herewith
23-1	Consent of Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP	Contained in opinion filed as Exhibit 5-1 to this Registration Statement
23-2	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP	Filed Herewith
24-1	Power of Attorney	Filed Herewith

PAYCHEX, INC.
2002 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN
(as amended and restated effective October 12, 2005)

1. Purpose.

The purposes of the Plan are to provide long-term incentives and rewards to employees, directors or other persons responsible for the success and growth of the Company and its Affiliates, to attract and retain such persons on a competitive basis and to associate the interests of such persons with those of the Company and its Affiliates.

2. Amendment and Restatement; Effective Date & Duration.

The Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors on July 11, 2002, became effective on August 1, 2002 and was approved by the stockholders of the Company at the annual meeting of the stockholders held on October 17, 2002. This amendment and restatement of the Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors on July 7, 2005 and shall become effective upon the approval thereof by the stockholders of the Company at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on October 12, 2005. The Plan is unlimited in duration and, in the event of the termination of the Plan, shall remain in effect as long as any Awards under it are outstanding; provided, however, that to the extent required by the Code, (i) no Incentive Stock Option may be granted on a date that is more than ten years from the date that this amendment and restatement of the Plan is approved by stockholders, and (ii) no Performance Award may be granted on a date that is more than five years from the date that this amendment and restatement of the Plan is approved by stockholders unless the Performance Goals upon which such Performance Award is based have been resubmitted to and approved by the stockholders of the Company within the five-year period preceding such date.

3. Definitions.

As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(a) "Affiliate" means (i) any entity that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, is controlled by the Company and (ii) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest, in each case as determined by the Committee.

(b) "Award" means any Option, Stock Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Performance Award or Stock Award granted under the Plan.

(c) "Award Agreement" means any written agreement, contract or other instrument or document evidencing an Award granted under the Plan. Each Award Agreement shall be subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the Plan and any other terms and conditions (not inconsistent with the Plan) determined by the Committee.

(d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(e) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(f) "Committee" means the Compensation and Governance Committee of the Board or any successor committee of the Board designated by the Board to administer the Plan. The Committee shall be comprised of not less than such number of Directors as shall be required to permit Awards granted under the Plan to qualify under Rule 16b-3, and each member of the Committee shall be a "Non-Employee Director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 and an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m). The Company expects to have the Plan administered in accordance with the requirements for the award of "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m).

(g) "Company" means Paychex, Inc.

(h) "Director" means a member of the Board.

(i) "Eligible Person" means any officer, non-employee Director, employee, consultant or advisor providing services to the Company or an Affiliate whom the Committee determines to be an Eligible Person. An Eligible Person must be a natural person.

(j) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(k) "Fair Market Value" means, with respect to any property (including, without limitation, any Shares or other securities), the fair market value of such property determined by such methods or procedures as shall be established from time to time by the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Fair Market Value of Shares on a given date for purposes of the Plan shall be the closing sale price of the Shares on NASDAQ, as reported in the consolidated transaction reporting system on such date or, if NASDAQ is not open for trading on such date, on the most recent preceding date when NASDAQ is open for trading.

(l) "Incentive Stock Option" means an option granted under Section 7(a) that is intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Code.

(m) "Non-Qualified Stock Option" means an option granted under Section 7(a) that is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option.

(n) "Option" means an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

(o) "Participant" means an Eligible Person designated to be granted an Award.

(p) "Performance Award" means any right granted under Section 7(e).

(q) "Performance Goal" means one or more of the following performance goals, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, applied on a corporate, subsidiary or business unit basis, in each case, as determined by the Committee: total revenue or service revenue, earnings per share, net income, operating income, stockholder return, return on investment, return on assets, return on equity or return on capital. Such goals may reflect absolute entity or business unit performance or a relative comparison to the performance of a peer group of entities or other external measure of the selected performance

criteria. Pursuant to rules and conditions adopted by the Committee on or before the 90th day of the applicable performance period for which Performance Goals are established, the Committee may appropriately adjust any evaluation of performance under such goals to include or exclude the effect of certain events, including any of the following events: interest on funds held for clients; asset write-downs; litigation or claim judgments or settlements; changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting reported results; severance, contract termination and other costs related to entering or exiting certain business activities; and gains or losses from the acquisition or disposition of businesses or assets or from the early extinguishment of debt, or other unusual items, as determined by the Committee.

(r) "Plan" means this Paychex, Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated.

(s) "Restricted Stock" means an Award of restricted Shares granted under Section 7(d). Restricted Stock shall cease to be Restricted Stock at the time that such restrictions and risks of forfeiture lapse in accordance with the terms of this Plan or the applicable Award Agreement.

(t) "Restricted Stock Unit" means a unit granted under Section 7(d) evidencing the right to receive a Share (or a cash payment equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share) at some future date.

(u) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act or any successor rule or regulation.

(v) "Section 162(m)" means Section 162(m) of the Code and the applicable treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

(w) "Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Code and related treasury regulations and pronouncements.

(x) "Shares" means shares of \$.01 par value common stock of the Company or such other securities or property as may become subject to Awards pursuant to an adjustment made under Section 5(c).

(y) "Stock Appreciation Right" means any right granted under Section 7(b).

(z) "Stock Award" means an Award of Shares granted under Section 7(c).

4. Administration.

(a) Power and Authority of the Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Subject to the express provisions of the Plan and to applicable law, the Committee shall have full power and authority to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to each Participant under the Plan; (iii) determine the number of Shares to be covered by (or the method by which payments or other rights are to be calculated in connection with) each Award; (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Award or Award Agreement; (v) amend the terms and conditions of any Award or Award Agreement, provided, however, that, except as otherwise provided in Section 5(c), the Committee shall not reprice, adjust or amend the exercise price of Options or the strike price of Stock Appreciation Rights previously awarded to any Participant, whether through

amendment, cancellation and replacement grant, or any other means; (vi) except as otherwise provided in this Plan, accelerate the exercisability of any Award or the lapse of restrictions relating to any Award; (vii) determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances Awards may be exercised in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited or suspended; (viii) determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards, other property and other amounts payable with respect to an Award under the Plan shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder of the Award or the Committee; (ix) interpret and administer the Plan and any instrument or agreement, including any Award Agreement, relating to the Plan; (x) establish, amend, suspend or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; and (xi) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Award or Award Agreement shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive and binding upon any Participant and any holder or beneficiary of any Award or Award Agreement.

(b) Delegation. The Committee may delegate its powers and duties under the Plan to one or more Directors (including a Director who is also an officer of the Company) or a committee of Directors, subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as the Committee may establish in its sole discretion; provided, however, that the Committee shall not delegate its powers and duties under the Plan (i) with regard to officers or directors of the Company or any Affiliate who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act or (ii) in such a manner as would cause the Plan not to comply with the requirements of Section 162(m). In addition, the Committee may authorize one or more officers of the Company to grant Options under the Plan, subject to the limitations of Section 157 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; provided, however, that such officers shall not be authorized to grant Options to officers or directors of the Company or any Affiliate who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

(c) Power and Authority of the Board of Directors. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Board may, at any time and from time to time, without any further action of the Committee, exercise the powers and duties of the Committee under the Plan, unless the exercise of such powers and duties by the Board would cause the Plan not to comply with the requirements of Section 162(m), Section 16 of the Exchange Act, NASDAQ or any other securities exchange the rules of which are applicable to the Company, or other pertinent laws.

5. Shares Available for Awards.

(a) Shares Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(c), the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued under all Awards under the Plan shall be the sum of (i) 27,500,000, plus (ii) any Shares available under the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan as of August 1, 2002, plus (iii) any Shares that become available under the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan after August 1, 2002 upon the expiration, termination, forfeiture or cancellation of options issued thereunder. Shares to be issued under the Plan may be either authorized but unissued Shares, or Shares that have been reacquired by the Company and designated as treasury shares. If an Award terminates or is forfeited or

cancelled without the issuance of any Shares, then the number of Shares counted against the aggregate number of Shares available under the Plan with respect to such Award, to the extent of any such termination, forfeiture, cancellation or other event, shall again be available for granting Awards under the Plan. If the Shares underlying an Award of Restricted Stock are forfeited or otherwise reacquired by the Company prior to vesting, whether or not dividends have been paid on such Shares, then the number of Shares counted against the aggregate number of Shares available under the Plan with respect to such Award of Restricted Stock, to the extent of any such forfeiture or reacquisition by the Company, shall again be available for granting Awards under the Plan. In the case of a Stock Appreciation Right, the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan shall be reduced by the number of Shares underlying the Stock Appreciation Right, and not just the Shares actually issued upon the exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right.

(b) Accounting for Awards. For purposes of this Section 5, if an Award entitles the holder thereof to receive or purchase Shares, the number of Shares covered by such Award or to which such Award relates shall be counted on the date of grant of such Award against the aggregate number of Shares available for granting Awards under the Plan.

(c) Adjustments. In the event that the Committee shall determine that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Shares or other securities of the Company or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Shares such that an adjustment is determined by the Committee to be appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee shall, in such manner as it may deem equitable, adjust any or all of (i) the number and type of Shares (or other securities or other property) that thereafter may be made the subject of Awards; (ii) the number and type of Shares (or other securities or other property) subject to outstanding Awards; and (iii) the purchase or exercise price with respect to any Award.

(d) Award Limitations.

i. *Section 162(m) Limitation for Certain Types of Awards.* No Eligible Person may be granted Options, Stock Appreciation Rights or any other Award or Awards the value of which is based solely on an increase in the value of the Shares after the date of grant of such Award or Awards, for more than 1,500,000 Shares (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(c)) in the aggregate in any calendar year. The foregoing annual limitation specifically includes the grant of any Award or Awards representing "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m).

ii. *Section 162(m) Limitation for Performance Awards.* The maximum amount payable pursuant to all Performance Awards to any Participant in the aggregate in any calendar year shall be \$6,000,000 in value, whether payable in cash, Shares or other property. This limitation does not apply to any Award subject to the limitation contained in Section 5(d)i.

iii. *Plan Limitation on Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units and Stock Awards.* No more than 7,500,000 Shares, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(c), shall be available under the Plan for issuance pursuant to grants of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units and Stock Awards; provided, however, that if any Awards of Restricted Stock Units terminate or are forfeited or cancelled without the issuance of any Shares or if the Shares underlying an Award of Restricted Stock are forfeited or otherwise reacquired by the Company prior to vesting, whether or not dividends have been paid on such Shares, then the Shares subject to such termination, forfeiture, cancellation or reacquisition by the Company shall again be available for grants of Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units and Stock Awards for purposes of this limitation on grants of such Awards. Grants of Stock Awards other than Awards of Restricted Stock shall only be made to officers and directors of the Company and its Affiliates, shall only be made in lieu of salary or cash bonus, and the number of Shares awarded shall be reasonable.

iv. *Limitation on Incentive Stock Options.* The maximum number of Shares that may be delivered under Incentive Stock Option grants shall be 27,500,000, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 5(c). In addition, the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the date of grant) of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by any individual during any calendar year (under the Plan and all other incentive stock plans of the Company) shall not exceed \$100,000. To the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the date of grant) of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by any individual during any calendar year (under the Plan and all other incentive stock plans of the Company) exceeds \$100,000, such Incentive Stock Options shall be treated as Non-Qualified Stock Options; this provision shall be applied by taking Options into account in the order in which they were granted.

6. Eligibility.

Any Eligible Person shall be eligible to be designated a Participant. In determining which Eligible Persons shall receive an Award and the terms of any Award, the Committee may take into account the nature of the services rendered by the respective Eligible Persons, their present and potential contributions to the success of the Company or such other factors as the Committee, in its discretion, shall deem relevant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Incentive Stock Option may only be granted to full-time or part-time employees (which term as used herein includes, without limitation, officers and Directors who are also employees), and an Incentive Stock Option shall not be granted to an employee of an Affiliate unless such Affiliate is also a "subsidiary corporation" of the Company within the meaning of Section 424(f) of the Code.

7. Awards.

(a) Options. The Committee is hereby authorized to grant Options to Eligible Persons with the following terms and conditions and with such additional terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan as the Committee shall determine:

i. Exercise Price. The purchase price per Share purchasable under an Option shall be determined by the Committee and shall not be less than 100 percent of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant of such Option; provided, however, that the Committee may designate a per share exercise price below Fair Market Value on the date of grant if the Option is granted in substitution for a stock option previously granted by an entity that is acquired by or merged with the Company or an Affiliate so long as the substituted Option preserves the aggregate intrinsic value and the ratio of the exercise price to the Fair Market Value of the stock option that it replaces.

ii. Option Term. The term of each Option shall be fixed by the Committee but shall not be longer than ten years from the date of grant.

iii. Time and Method of Exercise. The Committee shall determine the time or times at which an Option may be exercised in whole or in part and the method or methods by which, and the form or forms in which, payment of the exercise price with respect thereto may be made or deemed to have been made.

iv. Incentive Stock Option Requirements. Each Option intended to qualify as Incentive Stock Option shall comply with the requirements applicable to “incentive stock options” under Section 422 of the Code.

(b) Stock Appreciation Rights. The Committee is hereby authorized to grant Stock Appreciation Rights to Eligible Persons subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement. A Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall confer on the holder thereof a right to receive upon exercise thereof the excess of (i) the Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of exercise (or, if the Committee shall so determine, at any time during a specified period before or after the date of exercise) over (ii) the strike price of the Stock Appreciation Right as specified by the Committee, which price shall not be less than 100 percent of the Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of grant of the Stock Appreciation Right; provided, however, that the Committee may designate a per share strike price below Fair Market Value on the date of grant if the Stock Appreciation Right is granted in substitution for a stock appreciation right previously granted by an entity that is acquired by or merged with the Company or an Affiliate so long as the substituted Stock Appreciation Right preserves the aggregate intrinsic value and the ratio of the strike price to the Fair Market Value of the stock appreciation right that it replaces. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the strike price, term, methods of exercise, dates of exercise, methods of settlement and any other terms and conditions of any Stock Appreciation Right shall be as determined by the Committee. The Committee may impose such conditions or restrictions on the exercise of any Stock Appreciation Right as it may deem appropriate.

(c) Stock Awards. The Committee is hereby authorized to grant to Eligible Persons Shares without restrictions thereon, as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purpose of the Plan. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, such Stock Awards may have such terms and conditions as the Committee shall determine.

(d) Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units. The Committee is hereby authorized to grant Awards of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units to Eligible

Persons with the following terms and conditions and with such additional terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan as the Committee shall determine:

i. Restrictions. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be subject to such restrictions as the Committee may impose (including, without limitation, any limitation on the right to vote the Shares underlying an Award of Restricted Stock or the right to receive any dividend or other right or property with respect to such Shares), which restrictions may lapse separately or in combination at such time or times, in such installments or otherwise, as the Committee may deem appropriate. The minimum vesting period of such Awards shall be three years from the date of grant, unless the Award is conditioned on performance of the Company or an Affiliate or on personal performance (other than continued service with the Company or an Affiliate), in which case the Award may vest over a period of at least one year from the date of grant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may permit acceleration of vesting of such Awards in the event of the Participant's death, disability or retirement or a change in control of the Company.

ii. Issuance and Delivery of Shares. The Shares underlying any Award of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan shall be issued at the time such Awards are granted and may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee may deem appropriate, including book-entry registration or issuance of a stock certificate or certificates, which certificate or certificates shall be held by the Company. Such certificate or certificates shall be registered in the name of the Participant and shall bear an appropriate legend referring to the restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock. A stock certificate or certificates, without restrictive legend, representing the Shares underlying an Award of Restricted Stock that is no longer subject to restrictions shall be delivered to the Participant promptly after the applicable restrictions lapse or are waived. In the case of Restricted Stock Units, no Shares shall be issued at the time such Awards are granted. Upon the lapse or waiver of restrictions and the restricted period relating to Restricted Stock Units evidencing the right to receive Shares, a stock certificate or certificates, without restrictive legend, representing the underlying Shares shall be issued and delivered to the holder of the Restricted Stock Units.

iii. Forfeiture. Except as otherwise determined by the Committee, upon a Participant's termination of employment or resignation or removal as a Director (in either case, as determined under criteria established by the Committee), all Restricted Stock and all Restricted Stock Units held by the Participant at such time and still subject to restrictions shall be forfeited and reacquired by the Company; provided, however, that the Committee may, when it finds that a waiver would be in the best interest of the Company, waive in whole or in part any or all remaining restrictions with respect to Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units.

(e) Performance Awards. The Committee is hereby authorized to grant to Eligible Persons Performance Awards which are intended to be "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m). A Performance Award granted under the Plan may be payable in cash or in Shares (including, without limitation, Restricted Stock), as determined by the Committee. Performance Awards shall, to the extent required by Section 162(m), be conditioned solely on the achievement of one or more objective Performance Goals, and such Performance Goals shall be established by the Committee

within the time period prescribed by, and shall otherwise comply with the requirements of, Section 162(m). Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Performance Goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any Performance Award granted, the amount of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any Performance Award and any other terms and conditions of any Performance Award shall be determined by the Committee. The Committee shall also certify in writing that such Performance Goals have been met prior to payment of the Performance Awards to the extent required by Section 162(m).

(f) General.

i. Consideration for Awards. Awards may be granted for no cash consideration or for any cash or other consideration as may be determined by the Committee or required by applicable law.

ii. Awards May Be Granted Separately or Together. Awards may, in the discretion of the Committee, be granted either alone or in addition to, in tandem with or in substitution for any other Award or any award granted under any other plan of the Company or any Affiliate. Awards granted in addition to or in tandem with other Awards or in addition to or in tandem with awards granted under any other plan of the Company or any Affiliate may be granted either at the same time as or at a different time from the grant of such other Awards or awards.

iii. Forms of Payment under Awards. Subject to the terms of the Plan and of any applicable Award Agreement, payments to be made to the Company or an Affiliate upon the grant, exercise or payment of an Award may be made in such form or forms as the Committee shall determine, including, without limitation, in cash, by authorizing a third party to sell Shares (or a sufficient portion thereof) acquired upon exercise of an Award and to remit to the Company a sufficient portion of the proceeds to pay for all the Shares acquired through such exercise and any tax withholding obligations resulting from such exercise, or by a combination thereof.

iv. Term of Awards. The term of each Option and Stock Appreciation Right, and the period during which the restrictions applicable to each Award of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units, shall be for a period not longer than ten years from the date of grant.

v. Committee Rules. The Committee shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations to determine the treatment of a Participant's Awards under the Plan in the event of such Participant's death, disability, termination or breach of Section 9(f), and in the event of a change of control of the Company. In addition, notwithstanding the rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee and in effect from time to time and the terms of any Award Agreement, the Committee shall have the right to extend the period for exercise of any Option or Stock Appreciation Right, provided such extension does not exceed the term of such Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

vi. Deferral. The Committee may, in its discretion, (i) permit selected Participants to elect to defer payments of some or all types of Awards in

accordance with procedures established by the Committee or (ii) provide for the deferral of an Award in an Award Agreement or otherwise.

vii. Dividends and Interest. Dividends or dividend equivalent rights may be extended to and made part of any Award denominated in Shares or units of Shares, subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Committee may establish. The Committee may also establish rules and procedures for the crediting of interest on deferred cash payments and dividend equivalents for deferred payments denominated in Shares or units of Shares.

viii. Limits on Transfer of Awards. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee, the terms of this Plan or the terms of an Award Agreement, (A) no Award and no right under any such Award shall be transferable by a Participant other than by will, by the laws of descent and distribution, or pursuant to a domestic relations order, and (B) no Award or right under any such Award may be pledged, alienated, attached or otherwise encumbered, and any purported pledge, alienation, attachment or encumbrance thereof shall be void and unenforceable against the Company or any Affiliate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, but subject to Section 7(f)ix, the Shares underlying any Award may be transferred at any time after such Shares are issued and no longer restricted.

ix. Limits on Transfer of Shares. All Shares or other securities delivered under the Plan pursuant to any Award or the exercise thereof shall be subject to such restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan, applicable federal or state securities laws and regulatory requirements, and the Committee may cause appropriate entries to be made or legends to be placed on the certificates for such Shares or other securities to reflect such restrictions. If the Shares or other securities are traded on a securities exchange, the Company shall not be required to deliver any Shares or other securities covered by an Award unless and until such Shares or other securities have been admitted for trading on such securities exchange.

x. Income Tax Withholding. In order to comply with all applicable federal, state, local or foreign income tax laws or regulations, the Company may take such action as it deems appropriate to ensure that all applicable federal, state, local or foreign payroll, withholding, income or other taxes, which are the sole and absolute responsibility of a Participant, are withheld or collected from such Participant. In order to assist a Participant in paying all or a portion of the applicable taxes to be withheld or collected upon exercise or receipt of (or the lapse of restrictions relating to) an Award, the Committee, in its discretion and subject to such additional terms and conditions as it may adopt, may permit the Participant to satisfy such tax obligation by (A) electing to have the Company withhold a portion of the Shares otherwise to be delivered upon exercise or receipt of (or the lapse of restrictions relating to) such Award with a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such taxes or (B) delivering to the Company Shares other than Shares issuable upon exercise or receipt of (or the lapse of restrictions relating to) such Award with a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of such taxes. The election, if any, must be made on or before the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is determined.

xi. Company Redemption Right. Unless the applicable Award Agreement provides otherwise, every Option and Stock Appreciation Right may be redeemed by the Company in connection with the merger, consolidation, separation (including a spin off or other distribution of stock or property), reorganization (whether or not such reorganization comes within the meaning of such term in Section 368(a) of the Code) or partial or complete liquidation of the Company. The redemption price for any Option redeemed by the Company shall be the Fair Market Value of the Shares underlying such Option, less the exercise price of such Option, and the redemption price for any Stock Appreciation Right redeemed by the Company shall be the Fair Market Value of the Shares underlying such Stock Appreciation Right, less the strike price of such Stock Appreciation Right. The redemption price, less any amount of federal or state taxes attributable to the redemption that the Company deems it necessary or advisable to pay or withhold, shall be paid in cash. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Option or Stock Appreciation Right constitutes “nonqualified deferred compensation” for purposes of Section 409A, and if the Company’s redemption right under this Section 7(f)xi would cause such Option or Stock Appreciation Right to be subject to excise tax under Section 409A, then the Company’s redemption right under this Section 7(f)xi with respect to such Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be limited to those triggering events that constitute a “change in ownership,” a “change in effective control” or a “change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets” of the Company for purposes of Section 409A.

8. Amendment and Termination; Corrections.

(a) Amendments to the Plan. The Board of Directors of the Company may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate the Plan, provided, however, that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement, prior approval of the stockholders of the Company shall be required for any amendment to the Plan that: (i) requires stockholder approval under the rules or regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, NASDAQ or other securities exchange that are applicable to the Company; (ii) increases the number of Shares authorized under the Plan, as specified in Section 5(a); (iii) increases the limitations contained in Section 5(d); (iv) permits repricing of Options or Stock Appreciation Rights, which is prohibited by Section 4(a); (v) permits the award of Options or Stock Appreciation Rights at a price less than 100 percent of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant of such Option or Stock Appreciation Right, contrary to the provisions of Sections 7(a)j and 7(b); or (vi) would cause Section 162(m) to become unavailable with respect Awards granted under the Plan.

(b) Amendments to Awards. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee may waive any conditions of or rights of the Company under any outstanding Award, prospectively or retroactively. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Committee may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate any outstanding Award, prospectively or retroactively, but no such action may adversely affect the rights of the holder of such Award without the consent of the Participant or holder or beneficiary thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Award constitutes “nonqualified deferred compensation” for purposes of Section 409A, and if the Company’s rights under this Section

8(b) would cause such Award to be subject to excise tax under Section 409A, then the Company's rights under this Section 8(b) with respect to such Awards shall be limited to the taking of only those actions that do not cause such Award to be subject to excise tax under Section 409A.

(c) Correction of Defects, Omissions and Inconsistencies. The Committee may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any Award or Award Agreement in the manner and to the extent it shall deem desirable to implement or maintain the effectiveness of the Plan.

9. General Provisions.

(a) No Rights to Awards. No Eligible Person, Participant or other person shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Eligible Persons, Participants or holders or beneficiaries of Awards under the Plan. The terms and conditions of Awards need not be the same with respect to any Participant or with respect to different Participants.

(b) Award Agreements. No Participant shall have rights under an Award granted to such Participant unless and until an Award Agreement shall have been duly executed on behalf of the Company and, if requested by the Company, signed by the Participant.

(c) No Rights of Stockholders. Except with respect to Restricted Stock and Stock Awards, neither a Participant nor the Participant's legal representative shall be, or have any of the rights and privileges of, a stockholder of the Company with respect to any Shares issuable upon the exercise or payment of any Award, in whole or in part, unless and until the Shares have been issued.

(d) No Limit on Other Compensation Plans or Arrangements. Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Company or any Affiliate from adopting or continuing in effect other or additional compensation plans or arrangements, and such plans or arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

(e) No Right to Employment or Directorship. The grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained as an employee of the Company or any Affiliate, or a Director to be retained as a Director, nor will it affect in any way the right of the Company or an Affiliate to terminate a Participant's employment or service as a Director at any time, with or without cause. In addition, the Company or an Affiliate may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment or service as a Director, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan or any Award, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in any Award Agreement.

(f) Non-Competition; Confidentiality. A Participant will not, without the written consent of the Company, either during his or her employment by the Company or thereafter, disclose to anyone or make use of any confidential information which he or she has acquired during his or her employment relating to any of the business of the Company, except as such disclosure or use may be required in connection with his or her work as an employee of Company. During a Participant's employment by Company, and for a period of two years after the termination of such employment, he or she will not, either as principal, agent,

consultant, employee, stockholder or otherwise, engage in any work or other activity in direct competition with the Company in the field or fields in which he or she has worked for the Company. The non-competition agreement in this Section 9(f) applies only to the extent that its application shall be permitted by applicable law and reasonably necessary for the protection of the Company. For purposes of this Section 9(f), a Participant shall not be deemed a stockholder if the Participant's record and beneficial ownership amount to not more than one percent of the outstanding capital stock of any company subject to the periodic and other reporting requirements of the Exchange Act.

(g) No Guarantee of Tax Consequences. No person connected with the Plan in any capacity, including, but not limited to, the Company and its Affiliates and their directors, officers, agents and employees, makes any representation, commitment, or guarantee that any tax treatment, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local income, estate and gift tax treatment, will be applicable with respect to the tax treatment of any Award, or that such tax treatment will apply to or be available to a Participant on account of participation in the Plan.

(h) Indemnification. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each member of the Board or the Committee and other persons connected with the Plan in any capacity, including, but not limited to, the employees and directors of the Company and its Affiliates performing services on behalf of the Committee, against any liability, cost or expense arising as a result of any claim asserted by any person or entity under the laws of any state or of the United States with respect to any action or failure to act of such individuals taken in connection with this Plan, except claims or liabilities arising on account of the willful misconduct or bad faith of such Board member, Committee member or individual.

(i) Governing Law. The validity and construction of the Plan and all determinations made and actions taken pursuant hereto, as well as any Agreement made under it, to the extent that federal laws do not control, will be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws.

(j) Severability. If any provision of the Plan or any Award is, becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, then such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to applicable laws, or if it cannot be so construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the purpose or intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction or Award, and the remainder of the Plan or any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

(k) Unfunded Plan. Insofar as it provides for Awards of cash, Shares or rights thereto, this Plan shall be unfunded. Although bookkeeping accounts may be established with respect to Participants who are entitled to cash, Shares or rights thereto under this Plan, any such accounts shall be used merely as a bookkeeping convenience. The Company shall not be required to segregate any assets that may at any time be represented by cash, Shares or rights thereto, nor shall this Plan be construed as providing for such segregation, nor shall the Company, the Board or the Committee be deemed to be a trustee of any cash, Shares or rights thereto to be granted under this Plan. Any liability or obligation of the Company to any Participant with respect to a grant of cash, Shares or rights thereto under this Plan shall be

based solely upon any contractual obligations that may be created by this Plan and any Award Agreement, and no such liability or obligation of the Company shall be deemed to be secured by any pledge or other encumbrance on any property of the Company. None of the Company, the Board or the Committee shall be required to give any security or bond for the performance of any obligation that may be created by this Plan.

(l) Code Section 409A Compliance. The Company intends that any Awards under the Plan satisfy the requirements of Section 409A to avoid the imposition of excise taxes thereunder. If any provision of the Plan or an Award Agreement would result in the imposition of an excise tax under Section 409A, that provision will be reformed to avoid imposition of the excise tax and no action taken to comply with Section 409A shall be deemed to impair a benefit under the Plan or an Award Agreement.

(m) References. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to “Sections” contained herein are references to Sections of this Plan.

(n) Headings. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.

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November 7, 2005

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Paychex, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed by the Company on November 7, 2005 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), for the purpose of registering with the Commission the issuance and sale of up to an additional 20,000,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), pursuant to the Company's amended and restated 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

This opinion is being delivered to you in connection with the Registration Statement.

We have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of all such records of the Company and all such agreements, certificates of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company, and such other documents, certificates and corporate or other records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth herein, including (i) the Amended Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, (ii) the Bylaws of the Company, as amended to the date hereof, and (iii) the Plan. As to questions of fact material to our opinions expressed herein, we have, when relevant facts were not independently established, relied upon certificates of, and information received from, the Company and/or representatives of the Company. We have made no independent investigation of the facts stated in such certificates or as to any information received from the Company and/or representatives of the Company and do not opine as to the accuracy of such factual matters. We also have relied, without investigation, upon certificates and other documents from public officials.

Members of our firm involved in the preparation of this opinion are licensed to practice law in the State of New York and we do not purport to be experts on, or to express any opinion herein concerning, the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of New York and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and the other qualifications and limitations contained herein, and after (a) the above-referenced Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act and assuming that such effectiveness remains in effect throughout the period during which shares of Common Stock are offered and sold pursuant to the Plan, (b) the shares of Common Stock to be offered and sold pursuant to the Plan have, if required, been duly qualified or registered, as the case may be, for sale under applicable securities laws and all applicable securities laws are complied with, (c) all necessary action by the Board of Directors of the Company shall have been taken to duly authorize the offer, issuance and sale of Common Stock to be offered and sold pursuant to the Plan, and (d) the shares of Common Stock to be offered and sold pursuant to the Plan have been delivered pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Plan and related agreements and instruments, we are of the opinion that the 20,000,000 shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to awards under the Plan that are covered by this Registration Statement will, when issued against receipt of the consideration to be received with respect to such awards, have been duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

This opinion is intended solely for your benefit in connection with the transactions described above and, except as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph, may not be otherwise communicated to, reproduced, filed publicly or relied upon by, any other person or entity for any other purpose without our express prior written consent. This opinion is limited to the matters stated herein, and no opinion or belief is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated herein. The opinions expressed herein are rendered as of the date hereof, and we disclaim any undertaking to advise you of changes in law or fact that may affect the continued correctness of any of our opinions as of a later date.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Paychex, Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended and restated effective October 12, 2005) of Paychex, Inc. of our reports dated July 8, 2005, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Paychex, Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended May 31, 2005, Paychex, Inc.'s management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Paychex, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

November 7, 2005
Cleveland, Ohio

PAYCHEX, INC.
POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned director of Paychex, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), does hereby make, constitute and appoint Jonathan J. Judge and John M. Morphy and each or any one of them, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with power of substitution, for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name place and stead, to sign and affix the undersigned's name as director of the Corporation to the Registration Statements on Form S-8, and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, thereto, to be filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of securities of the Corporation, including, but not limited to, securities to be offered by the Corporation to its employees and employees of certain of its subsidiaries for issuance under the Corporation's 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended and restated), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other supporting documents, with the SEC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed these presents on this 12th day of October, 2005.

/s/ B. Thomas Golisano
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/s/ David J. S. Flaschen
David J. S. Flaschen

/s/ Phillip Horsley
Phillip Horsley

/s/ Grant M. Inman
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/s/ J. Robert Sebo
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/s/ Joseph M. Tucci
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