



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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**TESTIMONY OF
GEORGE A. COLEMAN, INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
ON**

RAISED BILL 1410

**AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS REFORM**

The Department of Education encourages more vigorous curriculum in mathematics, science and technology, but the changes proposed in Raised Bill 1410 are far-reaching, and we have a number of concerns. For instance, we are concerned that it may not be possible to provide these increased numbers of credits for high school graduation in the existing school day and passage of this bill may require the expansion of the school year. The implementation of the proposals in Raised Bill 1410 would require substantial resources at the local level.