



State of Connecticut  
Department of Higher Education

**Testimony by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education  
Before the Education Committee  
3:30 p.m. – LOB Room 1E  
March 8, 2010**

**House Bill 5421 (Raised) An Act Concerning Educators and Administrators**

**The Department of Higher Education would like to make the following comments on this proposed legislation:**

**This bill recommends that the Departments of Education and Higher Education work collaboratively to create an alternate route to certification program for administrators and superintendents.**

- The bill should clarify that the program will prepare candidates for 092 “Intermediate Administrator and Supervisor” certification to include eligibility for the level of assistant/vice principal, principal, assistant superintendent and other leadership positions requiring the 092 certification. Certification for the level of “Superintendent of Schools” requires the 093 certification.
- The bill should be aligned with appropriate funding for the Department of Higher Education to research and develop such a program.

**This bill supports the inclusion of scientifically-based reading research models as part of the in-service training for certified personnel.**

- The Department of Higher Education supports this recommendation.

The Department of Higher Education will be available to discuss these details with the Education Committee.