

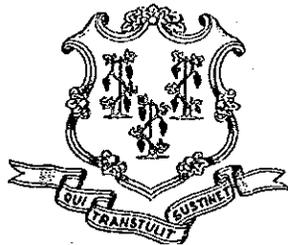
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Senate Co-Chair Thomas Gaffey
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Education Committee
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, Ranking Members and Members of the Education Committee:

Testimony in Support of: HB-5490, An Act Concerning the Minimum Budget Requirement.

Good afternoon, I want to thank Co-Chairs Gaffey and Fleischmann, Vice Chairs Fonfara and Reynolds, Ranking Members Caligiuri and Giuliano, as well as distinguished members of the Education Committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HB-5490, An Act Concerning the Minimum Budget Requirement.

This legislation fixes inequities in education funding and assists in restoring fairness to East Hartford and other communities in our state.

These goals are accomplished by allowing school districts whose student population has declined to reduce budgeted appropriations for education purposes of the minimum budget requirement. Further, the legislation fixes a problem with the equalization aid grant for East Hartford.

Thank you again for you affording me the opportunity to speak before the Committee on this matter and in advance for your consideration of this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary LeBeau".

Gary LeBeau
State Senator, 3rd District