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Testimony

Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee

Sharon M. Palmer

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Good afternoon Senator Bye, Representative Willis and members of the Committee. I am Sharon Palmer, President, AFT Connecticut, a diverse 28,000 member AFL-CIO union.

I would like to remark briefly on two bills before you today:

SB384 - We concur with student teaching requirements starting in the student's first year and increasing the number of hours.
We support increasing the G.P.A. for admission to teacher preparation programs. We suggest the inclusion of affirmative action language.

HB5060 - We support this bill. It is heartening to see this legislation targeting Connecticut students attending Connecticut public colleges.

Thank you for providing this hearing opportunity.