



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
*STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*



Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee  
Testimony of Chief Operating Officer Charlene Russell-Tucker  
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Senator Bye, Representative Willis, Senator Boucher, and Representative LeGeyt:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 6562, An Act Concerning Adult Education and Transition to College.

The Department of Education's Adult Education grant supports Local Education Agencies' (LEAs) current fiscal commitments to the requirements of C.G.S. 10-69(a). Because we do not expect an increase in this grant, we would caution adding new requirements for LEAs in the area of Adult Education.

We would advise that remedial courses be offered as an Adult Education Enrichment program. Such programs are offered according to community need. While fee-based, these programs are less expensive for students who would otherwise be required to use Pell grant funds for developmental/remedial classes at the community college level.

We support the intent of this proposal. We look forward to working with you and other stakeholders to ensure that our students graduate from high school college-ready, and when remedial courses are required, that they are offered equitably and efficiently. We would also welcome the opportunity to examine this issue more closely with you in a forum and format convenient and workable for you.

Thank you for your consideration.