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Members of the Committee on Education:

I am in support of Proposed SB 477 - AN ACT CONCERNING BOARDS OF EDUCATION

I ask that you support this proposed legislation that would amend CGS 10-233d subsection (f) that prevents expunging expulsion information from a students' cumulative record when possession of a firearm pertains to a very young student or child who is not developmentally old enough to understand the consequences of having such an item in their possession.

CGS 10-233d

(f) (1) Whenever a pupil is expelled pursuant to the provisions of this section, notice of the expulsion and the conduct for which the pupil was expelled shall be included on the pupil's cumulative educational record. Such notice, except for notice of an expulsion based on possession of a firearm or deadly weapon as described in subsection (a) of this section, shall be expunged from the cumulative educational record by the local or regional board of education if a pupil graduates from high school, except as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

I recommend that the expulsion record be expunged only in the following condition:

- The student is under the age of 8.
- The student has no further suspensions or expulsions for possession of dangerous weapons, deadly weapons, or firearms for the remainder of his/her school career through grade 11, thus allowing the student to apply for college without this offense on his/her record.
- The student does not have any arrests for possession of dangerous weapons, deadly weapons, or firearms outside of school.

Young children are impulsive and are not able to discern the consequences of their actions or the danger in which they place themselves or others. I believe it is unfair to continue to record this action through the child's elementary and secondary school years to an adverse effect, if the student has clearly demonstrated through this time period that the actions in the early primary grades are not observed in the student at any later point, either in or out of school.