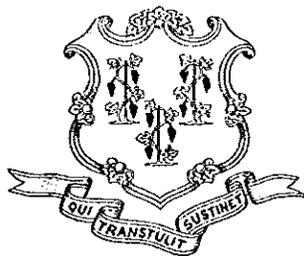


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Good Morning Sen. Slossberg, Rep. Abercrombie, and members of the Human Services Committee. I am here today to testify in support of SB 106 AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION.

I have learned from constituents that recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cannot get work credit for the type of education that would most help them secure employment that provides at least a living wage. This bill would allow education (post-secondary or GED) to be used to satisfy the work requirement under TANF.

I believe that encouraging TANF recipients to acquire this type of education is an investment in our future. The state should encourage these recipients of assistance to acquire the skills and education that will enable them to escape poverty and become productive tax paying citizens of our state. Thank you for hearing this important legislation.