

H.B. No. 7019 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT

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I respectfully request that H.B. No. 7019 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT be amended to allow a reduction in annual school budgets commensurate with the enrollment trends for each district.

A sustained, significant decrease in enrollment has affected many school districts over the past five (or more) years. Local governments have addressed this decrease with numerous cost saving approaches including, combining facilities, reducing teacher and administrative staffing and other cost saving methods. However, many of these cost saving, fiscally responsible proposals have been thwarted by existing CT law which restricts the amount an annual budget may be decreased.

Thank you