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**Testimony
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**HB 5602 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM
HB 5604 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL EFFICIENCIES**

CABE supports HB 5602, An Act Concerning Regionalism, which would expand the ability of regional educational services centers to engage in activities that promote regional efficiencies in education. The RESCs are a proven vehicle for supporting shared services, and it is important to remove any barriers to these efforts.

We urge you to support HB 5602.

CABE has concerns about some of the provisions in HB 5604, An Act Concerning Regional Efficiencies, and we urge you to consider the following issues:

Section 1

- We urge you to add boards of education and the State Department of Education to the groups that will be involved in the study of regionalization. Education is a complex enterprise in which any measure of efficiencies must consider multiple variables.

Section 2

- We recommend amending the bill to have the recommendations submitted to the Education Committee as well.

Section 3

- CABE recommends that a pilot program of any regionalization evaluation tool be utilized prior to full implementation.

Thank you for your consideration.