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RE: H423/S260 An Act Enhancing the Educational Outcomes of Expectant and Parenting Students

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Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Education,

Thank you for considering bill *H423/S260 An Act Enhancing the Educational Outcomes of Expectant and Parenting Students* before your committee today. I am a co-sponsor of this important piece of legislation and I respectfully request that you report it out favorably and expeditiously. My district, which encompasses Attleboro with the 25th highest number of teen pregnancies, would be directly impacted by the programs proposed in this bill.

This bill would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to track and report on the success of students in school districts who are parents. Parents who are in school frequently drop out and without even a high school diploma their earning potential is stunted. A second part of this bill would create the "Expectant and Parenting a Student Liaison Model," which would work to help these students remain in school and ultimately graduate.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Once again, I urge you to report out favorably *H423/S260 An Act Enhancing the Educational Outcomes of Expectant and Parenting Students*.

Sincerely,

Paul Heroux