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RE: H1066/S676 An Act relative to breaking generational cycles of poverty
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Dear Honorable Chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Higher Education,

Thank you for considering bill *H1066/S676, An Act relative to breaking generational cycles of poverty* before your committee. I am a proud co-sponsor of both of these bills.

These bills would create a state work study program for families who receive TAFDC funds and are concurrently enrolled at community colleges, in addition to providing supportive services. Education is the best way to transition out of poverty, but it is a struggle for low-income families to be in school sacrificing a full or partial paycheck. The bill's work study program would enable the student to get a paid employment opportunity in their field of study and continue going to school.

I respectfully request that you report out favorably and expeditiously *H1066/S676, An Act relative to breaking generational cycles of poverty*. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,


Paul Heroux