

Chair Jones, Vice-Chair Manchester, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, I appreciate you allowing me to speak in support of House Bill 612 with my joint sponsor, Representative Sobecki. As my colleague thoroughly explained, at the time of the COVID outbreak and closing of schools, many districts across the state were concerned with the ability to accurately update their report in April and were not sure of the impact on November's new projections. Although today, we do still believe a 5 year forecast will be a challenge due to the recent budget cuts and one-time funding from the federal government, districts believe they can make the November deadline and it will better serve the public by giving a projection at that time. It may be necessary that we offer districts future flexibility but at this time we are in a wait and see mode. Thank you again for allowing Representative Sobecki and I to provide testimony, we would be happy to answer any questions at this time.