

Dear Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram and members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing to oppose Senate Bill 156. The bill requires those who are not educators to develop and enact a vague and ill-defined “success plan” and teach all students that there is, essentially, only one correct path to success. This is absolutely ludicrous. The idea that there is a “one size fits all” path to success is ignorant and a misinterpretation of data. The alleviation of poverty is far more nuanced and far more complicated than a “success plan”, and this bill is nothing more than an attempt to inject religious ideals into our public school curriculum. That is evident from the variety of Christian religious organizations that offered proponent testimony for this bill.

There are better and more efficient and effective ways of reducing poverty – which I presume would be Senator Cutrona’s purported goal of this bill. A forced high school curriculum will cost funds and do little to address the true root causes of poverty.

This bill is a waste of time and energy that will not produce meaningful results impacting poverty.

Sincerely,

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