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FROM: Michael K. Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

DATE: March 8, 2021

RE: H.106 - An act relating to equitable access to a high-quality education through community schools

The Agency of Human Services is supportive of the House Committee on Education's efforts and of Bill H. 106. We do not feel that the Agency of Education *must* consult with the Agency of Human Services, and the Agency of Education has stated that they have adequate resources for technical and/or grant-related activities. However, we are happy to offer informational assistance as needed. Therefore, we propose changing the word 'shall' to 'may' and removing the need for technical assistance.

Our proposed language is in red text below.

Sec. 3 (c) Grant Administration, add a new (3):

The Agency of Education may consult with the Agency of Human Services in providing informational assistance, and technical assistance, such as assistance with applying for grant funding and use of grant funding, for eligible applicants under Sec.3 of this act.