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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 363

Chairman and members of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, I am here to introduce and voice my support for Senate Bill 363 – *Public High Schools* – *Health Education* – *Gambling Dangers and Addiction*.

Senate Bill 363 would require the State Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2023, to develop a program of education on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction to be provided in public high schools. The bill would require the program to be coordinated with other State agencies responsible for gambling addiction education and authorizing a county board of education, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, to require each public high school in the county to include instruction, one time for students in grades 9 through 12, on the dangers of gambling.