



TESTIMONY OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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CCM has concerns with Proposed House Bill 6991 - "An Act Concerning Contractors Performing Work in Schools"

This bill would require local and regional boards of education to check the sex offender registry and confirm that all individuals doing work on school grounds, during the school year, are not listed on the registry.

The onus should be on the contractor to meet certain requirements and provide assurances -- affidavit -- to the state that no individual employed to work on school grounds is on the sex offender registry. There is no way for local and regional boards of education to control on a day-to-day basis which employees are sent to work on a particular project. Municipalities are concerned that this bill would establish a false sense of security and a potential huge liability if it were enacted as it is currently written.

CCM asks the committee to ***amend this bill and require employers doing business with local and regional boards of education provide an affidavit to the State Board of Education*** that no employees who will be working on school grounds are on the sex offender registry.

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