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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

TO THE

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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CCM supports the following bills, which will provide needed state financial support for important locally administered programs:

➤ **Raised House Bill 7358 - "An Act Concerning Gifted and Talented Students"**

This bill would provide state grants to local and regional boards of education to help fund programs specifically designed to meet the needs of gifted and talented students.

➤ **Raised House Bill 7359 - "An Act Concerning a Grant Program to Combat Truancy"**

This bill would establish a new competitive grant program to assist local and regional boards of education to establish a school and community-based truancy prevention initiative.

➤ **Raised Senate Bill 1411 - "An Act Concerning Youth Service Bureaus"**

This bill would establish new competitive grant programs, funded at a level of \$250,000 each in FY 08 and FY 09, to aid youth service bureaus to provide new programming for: (1) positive youth development; (2) juvenile crime prevention; (3) family involvement; and, (4) mental health services.

➤ **Raised Senate Bill 1355 - "An Act Concerning Appropriations to the Even Start Program"**

This bill would provide an appropriation of \$5 million for additional funding to the Even Start program.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report this bill.

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