



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports Raised Bill 1012 "An Act Concerning the Reporting of Federal Funds in Local School Budgets".

This proposal would require that local boards of education include in their annual reports to their respective local appropriating authority a specific accounting of federal fund expenditures and an itemized estimate of what federal funds are expected to be received.

Having this information at the forefront of the budget preparation process would create greater transparency and allow for a more comprehensive understanding of the financial needs of the district.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report this bill.

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