

Simsbury Fire District

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Testimony to the Committee on Public Safety
and Security

Chairs - Rep. Dargan and Sen. Stillman:

Members of the Public Safety Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. I am Kevin Kowalski Fire Marshal for the Town of Simsbury and I represent the Ct Fire Marshal association in Legislative matters. I am here today in support of the Senate bill 850. ACC requiring the Fire Marshal to submit fire inspection reports to the Board of Education prior to the commencement of the school year.

I speak in support of this bill because we believe that the School boards should be clearly aware of the fire safety concerns within the schools. The current statutes do require that the inspection be made and a report be made of the inspection however it does not assign responsibility for the violation in schools. This I believe would assign responsibility to the Board and The Superintendent of school.

I would also like to add that consideration be given to an amendment to this bill requiring the School board answer the report of violations with a plan of action consistent with CT gen Statute 29-306 . Finding the violation is the easy part , Developing an action plan to protect the children from fire and other emergencies is where the assistance is needed.