



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - 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 has concerns with Raised Senate Bill 425 "*An Act Concerning Board Membership*".

Among other things, this bill would dictate to local governments the make-up of their boards of education; how they shall be elected; and, their terms.

CCM is unaware of any statewide problem that necessitates state action to overrule all charters or special acts concerning terms of boards of education. If there is a specific situation that needs to be addressed, we urge you to do so, not enact broad-brush changes. Use a scalpel not a sledgehammer.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver, Senior Legislative Associate of CCM via email kweaver@ccm-ct.org or via phone (203) 498-3026.