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TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

CHILDREN'S 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 the opportunity to testify on this bill of concern to towns and cities:

S.B. 155, "An Act Concerning the Educational Placement of Children in the Care and Custody of the Department of Children and Families"

This bill would, among other things, allow children under the auspices of the Department of Children and Families to remain in their school of origin after placement to a home in another municipality, if it is determined to be in the best interest of children.

CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal, and CCM had no issues with it, as long as municipalities are fully reimbursed for any additional costs associated with R.B. 155.

Thank you.

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