

**Written Testimony - Gregory B. Allard, President
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My name is Greg Allard and I am the President of the Council of Regional Chairpersons also known as CORC. CORC is comprised of Emergency Medical Service Regional Council Presidents and the Regional EMS Coordinators of each Regional Council.

My testimony today is related to Sections 58 and 59 of Senate Bill No. 428 "An Act Concerning Revisions to the Public Health Statutes". It is unfortunate that the verbiage we have agreed upon did not make it into the bill before it came out. CORC has been actively working on this language with the Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services and Representatives Orange and Ryan. We are very appreciative of everyone's efforts thus far and we understand that while these changes are not seen in this bill now they will end up in the finished product.

As part of my testimony I attached the language I believe will be viewed in the final product.

In the event that you have questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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This verbiage should replace Section 58 sub-section (a) of Senate Bill No. 428. We want to ensure the Regional EMS Coordinators continue to assist the emergency medical services council as it pertains to CORC.

Sec. 58. Section 19a-182 of the Connecticut General Statutes is repealed and the following is replaced in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

- (a) The emergency medical services councils shall [be the] advise the commissioner on area-wide planning and [coordinating agencies for] coordination of emergency medical services for each region and shall provide continuous evaluation of emergency medical services for their respective geographic areas. As directed by the commissioner, the regional emergency medical services coordinator for each region shall facilitate the work of each respective emergency medical services council, including but not limited to, representing the Department at Council of Regional Chairpersons meetings.

This verbiage should replace the first sentence in Section 59 of Senate Bill No. 428. The date change from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 is important in that some councils are without a Regional EMS Coordinator. This is due to funding not being available to re-hire replacements prior to January 1, 2010.

Sec. 59. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) Any individual employed on June 30, 2010 as a regional emergency medical services coordinator or as an assistant regional emergency medical services coordinator shall be offered an unclassified durational position within the Department of Public Health for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, inclusive, provided no more than five unclassified durational positions shall be created..