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**Re: Raised Bill 5424 'An Act Permitting Two or More Boards of
Education to Jointly Purchase Employee Health Insurance'**

The Connecticut Education Association has been a strong proponent of reducing healthcare costs by creating larger "pools" of members. The simple reality is that the biggest cost drivers of Board of Education budgets, are healthcare costs and any method to reduce these costs should be explored.

Our studies over the past two years show healthcare costs increasing at an alarming rate. The M.O.R.E. Committee has recognized this and this legislation is in keeping with their recommendation as well.

It is for these reasons that the Connecticut Education Association strongly supports Raised Bill 5424 'An Act Permitting Two or More Boards of Education to Jointly Purchase Employee Health Insurance'.