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Raised Bill #5318 'An Act Concerning School Resource Officers'

Raised Bill #278 'An Act Concerning Truancy'

Raise Bill #5315 'An Act Concerning Education and the Reduction of Domestic Violence'

Raised Bill #5318 'An Act Concerning School Resource Officers'. The Connecticut Education Association supports Raise Bill #5318. School Resource Officers are a valuable asset in the educational environment and specific training for such individuals can only enhance the safety and security atmosphere in the schools in our state.

Raised Bill #278 'An Act Concerning Truancy'. The Connecticut Education Association supports Raised Bill #278. Truancy has always been an issue that has needed to be addressed with clean guidelines. This proposed legislation will clarify questions of truancy in our state and require action to be taken, when there are uncooperative parents or guardians.

Raised Bill #5315 'An Act Concerning Education and the Reduction of Domestic Violence'. The Connecticut Education Association supports Raised Bill #5315, with reservations. It is clear that the issue of teen dating and domestic violence is a social issue that needs to be addressed within the educational systems in Connecticut. The addition of this in professional development activities for professional staff and non-certified staff is worthwhile. Awareness among the student population is also a worthwhile goal. An overall evaluation of requirements under 10-220a must be considered to assure that priorities are established and can be realistically accomplished within a teacher and/or student year.

Thank You.