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**HB 5327 AN ACT EXPANDING CERTAIN REVERSE AUCTION AUTHORITY TO  
THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN SERVICES BY MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS AND STATE AGENCIES**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) supports HB 5327, An Act Expanding Certain Reverse Auction Authority to the Purchase of Certain Services by Municipalities, School Districts and State Agencies, which would allow electronic responses to public bids for services using public funds. Since 2008, state procurement laws have allowed for the acceptance of electronic responses to posted bids for goods. This has resulted in significant cost savings to districts. For example, in May 2009 LEARN, a regional educational service center, ran a reverse auction for nine school districts for technology equipment, for a 28% savings (\$188,663). Regional School District 17 saved 20-30% (over \$50,000) on their acquisition of technology equipment.

We urge you to support HB 5327 to allow school boards and municipalities this option in an effort to reduce costs.

We appreciate your attention to this issue.