



SB 141

TESTIMONY  
OF THE  
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
TO THE  
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE 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 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**Senate Bill 141 "An Act Concerning Disability Policy Offsets and Dependent Children"**

Among other things, this bill would unnecessarily prohibit the use of Social Security offset provisions on disability policies. Similar to last year's proposed mandate (SB 716) -- SB 141 could cause significant fiscal burdens on local governments and boards of education across the state that purchase long-term disability policies. Towns and cities should not be punished for doing the right thing by providing such policies.

In addition to concerns of increased costs to municipalities, SB 141 could also serve as a disincentive for employees to return to work, thus creating a potential further impact on the delivery of local programs and services. CCM is not aware of either existing law, or legislative proposals, in any other state that would establish such a prohibition.

Facing historic deficits and worsening budget forecasts -- CCM urges the Committee to take no action on SB 141.



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