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**SB 52 AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR CHILDREN**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) opposes SB 52. This would be a mandate on schools and districts to manage enrollment and report on a students' health insurance.

Districts have cut back on staff and are struggling to provide a quality academic program to close the achievement gap. Schools are not prepared to verify insurance cards. Simply producing a card when asked does not prove that a student has insurance. If a parent was laid off or left a job they may still have a card that shows they are entitled.

Having to submit an application for a state sponsored health insurance program with the stated assistance from DSS, would be difficult to manage effectively in over 1000 schools across the state of Connecticut.

Reporting ...
by schools to the districts,
by the district to DSS,
by the district to the Public Health Committee
by the district to the Insurance Committee
..... is an administrative burden.

We urge the legislature to not adopt any mandates on districts.