



TESTIMONY
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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

S.B. 1220, "An Act Concerning Family Violence"

While CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal, S.B. 1220 would create an unfunded state mandate by requiring police departments to comply with "uniform protocols for investigating incidents of family violence" – protocols yet to be established by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

The bill mandates police departments to comply without knowing what POST may require.

S.B. 1220 could be costly to towns and cities. *We urge the Committee to obtain a fiscal note prior to taking any action on this bill.*

H.B. 6629, "An Act Concerning Domestic Violence"

This proposal would, among other things, require that police departments "duly" promulgate new guidelines regarding "arrest polices in family violence incidents" due to changes contained in the H.B. 6629.

This will require updating procedures and manuals.

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S.B. 1163, “An Act Concerning Assault of A School Employee”

CCM supports this bill.

By increasing penalties associated with assaulting school employees, S.B. 1163 helps to decrease school violence and increase student and teacher safety.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report this bill.

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