



**TESTIMONY**  
of the  
**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent about 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**SB 1178**      **AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES WHILE AT SCHOOL.**

This bill would, among other things, mandate that each local/regional school board implement a plan into their school system regarding the management of students with diabetes. It would also require the board to provide training to any person who wishes to serve as a school-designated care aid for those with diabetes.

**CCM opposes** this SB 1178 as a new unfunded state mandate on municipalities. While this proposal is well-intended, CCM has concerns about the administrative and fiscal burden this bill would have on already limited local resources.

As towns and cities face layoffs and service cutbacks – local officials are already struggling to do more with less. If the State views this proposal as being important, then it should provide the necessary funding and resources to implement it at the local level.

CCM recommends the committee either (1) make sure that the State provide adequate funding to implement these proposals, or (2) take no action on SB 1178.

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