



# CCM 2012 Testimony

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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 bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM opposes Senate Bill 359 "*An Act Concerning Financial Literacy.*"

This bill would create a new curriculum mandate on local school districts. CCM understands the policy goal of this proposal, however this would add yet another unfunded state mandate on school time, school curriculum, school staffing, and school resources.

This proposal does not have a fiscal note yet, therefore leaving at question what it would cost towns and cities to implement or what mechanism can be used for state funding of this new mandate.

Each year new curriculum mandates are proposed. Absent relief from other curriculum mandates, at what point will additional hours have to be added to the school day in order to accommodate each and every one?

CCM urges the committee to oppose SB 359.

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