

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.

SB 322 "An Act Concerning Emergency Medical Dispatch Training"

This bill would allow personnel at public safety answering points (PSAPs) to be exempt from emergency medical dispatch training, if such PSAPs contract with another entity to provide local emergency medical dispatch services (i.e. medical interrogation, dispatch prioritization, and pre-arrival instructions).

CCM supports SB 322 as a reasonable means to streamline the implementation of this training – while not compromising the emergency response services provided by local emergency personnel. Current state law requirements, as they relate to this specific frontline practicality, are proven to be redundant and not cost effective.

SB 322 would be a tangible means for lawmakers to provide local departments with some degree of relief -- administrative and fiscal -- from this specific, yet duplicative state mandate.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report SB 322.**



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