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TO: Members of the Government Administration & Elections Committee
FROM: Kachina Walsh-Weaver, Senior Legislative Associate
RE: Bills of Interest to Towns and Cities

BILLS BEFORE COMMITTEE AWAITING ACTION

CCM SUPPORTS the following bills, that are still before the GAE Committee awaiting action, and urges the committee to favorably report them:

HB 5027 **COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT**
Sections 47-56 Would, among other things: (1) eliminate the Commission for Education Technology Advancement and replace it with the Commission for Technology Advancement; (2) provide the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities an appointment to the Commission; and (3) add "municipal facilities" to the list of parties involved in the creation and management of a reliable and secure network.

HB 5398 **ELECTRONIC PUBLIC RECORDS**
Would *allow local governments to retain certain public records in electronic format rather than in hard copy.*

Moving more public records to electronic media will free up office space, normally reserved for volumes of hard copies, and also provide increased protection of public documents, which would be destroyed in the event of fire, flood or other catastrophe. In addition, it could pave the way for more public documents being available online.

CCM urges you to carefully consider the impact any proposal would have on local residential and business property taxpayers before taking any action.

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