



CCM 2013 Testimony

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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 over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee.

S.B. 815, "An Act Concerning the Consolidation of Noneducational Services"

CCM supports this bill.

This bill would require a board of finance or board of selectmen to make spending recommendations and suggestions to a board of education regarding how such board of education may consolidate noneducational services and realize financial efficiencies. Suggestions must be made within 10 days of the date the board of education submits its budget estimate. The board of education may accept or reject the suggestions, however, it must submit a written explanation of the reason for any rejection.

S.B. 815 is an intramunicipal cooperation initiative that challenges communities to seek greater efficiencies. There are often duplicative efforts between general government and boards of education, and this proposal can help communities examine and take action on them.

The proposal simply allows for more municipal officials to think of ways to govern smarter. It's a good government proposal that everyone should support.

CCM urges committee members to favorably report S.B. 1815.

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