



CCM 2013 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 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM opposes House Bill 5299 "An Act Concerning Authorization for the use of Antiepileptic Medications in School Settings"

HB 5299 would allow certain unlicensed persons to administer antiepileptic medication to students in school settings for treatment of the student's epilepsy in order to facilitate the prompt response to an epileptic seizure in the event that a qualified school nurse is not present, and to authorize a school nurse to designate a trained unlicensed surrogate to administer the medication.

As written HB 5299 remains vague in regards to the definition of who is an "unlicensed person" and what would allow them be designated as a trained surrogate. CCM also has questions regarding what standards would be used qualify a person as trained, who would provide and pay for this training. Municipalities have expressed concerns regarding the liability exposure of school personnel and school districts that may arise from a well intentioned but improper administration of medication.

While CCM understands and appreciates the intentions of the proposed bill at this time we must urge the committee to **take no action on HB 5299** until these questions can be resolved.



If you have any questions, please contact M. Randall Collins Jr., Senior Legislative Associate for CCM via email rcollins@ccm-ct.org or via phone (860) 707-6446.