



CCM 2014 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.

HB 5521, "An Act Concerning the Storage and Administration of Epinephrine at Public Schools and Public Institutes of Higher Education"

Among other things, HB 5521 would mandate that school personnel, either nurses or a "qualified school professional," maintain epinephrine in cartridge injectors within school, as well as require certain procedures and restrictions for school employees' administering of medication with injectable equipment, under certain circumstances.

CCM appreciates the intent of HB 5531 however, has concerns regarding potential liability exposure these new requirements would have on school personnel, and school districts, that could arise from well-intentioned but, improperly administered medicine.

CCM therefore, urges the Committee to **hold HB 5521** and consider the impact this proposal would have on public school resources as all lawmakers – local and state – work together with the shared-objective of protecting the welfare of our students.



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