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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 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 6722, "An Act Concerning Concussions in Youth Athletics"

CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal. However, HB 6722 would, among other things, (a) require municipal officials to provide medical information about which they have no expertise, to others, and (b) increase liability exposure for municipalities.

HB 6722 would require schools and others to provide, in effect, medical guidance to students and parents – guidance about which they are not competent enough to provide. The bill would ask laypersons to give guidance on vastly-changing medical science. Laypersons would be required to provide guidance on science that could change from week-to-week. How could such persons be expected to stay on top of leading edge science?

Further, CCM believes the language of the current draft holds athletic organizations liable for any injuries that may occur on municipally-owned fields. If municipalities' role is to simply license or permit leagues to use public fields, then towns and cities should not be subject to the bill.

CCM urges the Committee to obtain a detailed fiscal note on the impact HB 6722 would have on towns and cities, prior to voting on it.



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