



# CCM 2015 Testimony

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## ***PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE***

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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 156 towns and cities, representing over 95 percent of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**HB 6912** "An Act Concerning the School Security Grant Program"

**HB 6913** "An Act Concerning Local Emergency Plans of Operation"

CCM supports both HB 6912 and HB 6913 which would assist towns and cities' local public safety efforts.

HB 6912 would extend the time period for the awarding of school security grants from 2015 to 2016. This grant has been an important resource in modernizing local school security infrastructure – and ultimately helping to help keep our students safe. The matching-grant program would reimburse municipalities for a portion of the costs associated with making safety and security improvements in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

HB 6913 would allow municipalities to submit local emergency operation plans every two years, rather than every year. Often, these plans do not change much from year to year, therefore this proposal would provide relief for municipalities, as well for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DEMHS) to review them annually – without compromising the integrity of the plans themselves.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report both HB 6912 and HB 6913.



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