



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

**HB 5405 “An Act Concerning Reimbursement of the Cost Certification for a
Police Officer**

CCM supports **HB 5045** as it would allow town and cities to protect their investment for providing the certification for police officer training.

The bill makes changes to the process which was amended last year by requiring municipalities to be reimbursed for the cost of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) certification when officers are hired by another law enforcement entity. This bill would within three years of their certification. CCM believes that this approach would satisfy the professional mobility of the officer, as well protect the investments made by municipalities that finance the POST certification.

The “cost of certification” would be the cost of training, equipment, uniforms, and any cost related to the council's entry-level requirements. This would not include any equipment or uniforms the officer returns, as well would not affect any agreement between a police officer, collective bargaining unit, or department currently in existence.

CCM urges the Committee to **favorably report HB 5045**.

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