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Education Committee  
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**SB 874 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN  
CONNECTICUT**

The Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) is a non-profit professional association that represents school business officials throughout the State of Connecticut. School business officials work closely with school boards, administrators, staff, public officials and communities; and we are responsible for most aspects of school business and operations.

CASBO is supportive of the proposal to establish a Commission on Shared Services and are pleased to be named as one of the members participating in this important effort.

However, we do have a concern regarding Section 7 of this bill that requires that each regional board of education shall establish a regional board of finance to review and make recommendations on the budget of the regional board of education. Regional boards of education, which are elected by member towns, already serves this role as part of their overall responsibilities. Also, many regional boards of education meet with the boards of finance and/or boards of selectmen of their member towns to solicit input and recommendations with respect to the regional budget. Finally, PA17-02 Section 156 already provides that a regional board of education may establish a finance committee for the regional school district. As a result, we believe that Section 7 to this bill is redundant and unnecessary and should be deleted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

