



***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 99% of Connecticut's population.

HB 7291 "An Act Concerning School Security"

CCM supports the bill in an effort to enhance school security throughout Connecticut.

The bill would, among other things, require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to update school security and safety plan standards, (2) require DESPP to create simplified documentation requirements for reporting by local and regional boards of education on school security and safety plans and drills, and (3) require DESPP and the School Safety Infrastructure Council to implement simplified documentation requirements for school security infrastructure grants.

CCM appreciates the intent of the bill which will assist towns and cities develop these valuable plans by removing hindrances and burdens in achieving those efforts. In addition, this would simplify the means in which a municipality or school board can pursue and obtain a school security grant

During the consideration of the review process that would ensue from this proposal, CCM requests that municipal government representation should also be included in the discussion process.

CCM encourages the Committee to **favorably report** HB 7291.

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