



PUBLIC HEALTH 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 representing 168 towns and cities.

SB 288 An Act Concerning Indoor Air Quality in Schools

CCM has concerns with SB 288 as it would impose additional mandates on towns and cities by requiring school boards to maintain particular indoor air temperatures and quality standards along with routine testing and notification requirements.

While ensuring healthy and safe environments in our educational settings is paramount for local officials, this bill appears to be a far-reaching approach towards addressing concerns that are not broadly impacting Connecticut's schools. In addition, the proposal fails to provide municipalities with funding and resources necessary for implementation and maintenance.

CCM would suggest that any modifications to implement new equipment or safety measures be eligible for school construction grant funding. In addition, we recommend that the state dedicate a portion of the federal funding we receive as part of the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic to the capital costs of air ventilation improvements in our schools and municipal buildings.

Until there is adequate funding and safeguards provided by the State to implement the provisions of the bill, CCM urges the Committee to **take no action** SB 288.

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