



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 representing 168 towns and cities.

SB 1011 An Act Concerning The Use Of Opioid Antagonists And Epinephrine Cartridge Injectors By Police Officers

The bill would (a) require a law enforcement unit to train its police officers in the use of opioid antagonists and epinephrine cartridge injectors, and (b) permit such trained officers to carry and administer opioid antagonists and epinephrine cartridge injectors.

Connecticut continues to be challenged by the opioid epidemic. One of the most valuable tools in combating opioid overdoses is the availability of an opioid antagonist, such as Narcan. There are a variety of first responders in Connecticut that already carry this medication. While the benefit of the medication is profound, there still remains a cost and at times an availability shortage for first responders. In order to assist towns and cities, CCM supports efforts to increase the availability of Narcan for police officers – who are often the first ones on the scene of an overdose. In addition, as these first responders need to be properly trained, ensure that the training is done in an effective as cost effect method for towns and cities.

CCM urges the Committee to ensure SB 1011 does not become an unfunded mandate, and if not favorably report the bill.

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