

# Education Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-230

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

**Vote Date:** 3/11/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/4/2022

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Education Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

The bill requires the Department of Education to conduct a study of public education in Connecticut. Furthermore, the Department of Education is required to submit a report regarding the results of the study of public education in Connecticut to the Education Committee.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None Expressed.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

### **Mike Muszynski, State and Federal Relations Manager, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities**

"CCM supports with SB 230 which would require the Department of Education to conduct a study of public education in Connecticut. Public education encompasses a variety of factors and considerations. Among them include financing our public educational system. Currently, education is the largest single item in most municipal budgets. In some towns, the costs can consume up to 80% of the municipality's total budget. CCM urges the Committee to require the SDE study to include a thorough review of the financing methods associated with our public education system."

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Anne Manusky, President, CT Republican Assembly**

"It is a shame, but Connecticut's once touted public education system no longer is; our education system is in a public health crisis. To what degree children no longer rise to the levels of academics in the public system is unknown due to the lack of valid academic developmental measures of academics."

**Reported by: Madison Chain**

**Date: 3/18/22**