



Education 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 over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**SB 452 *An Act Concerning The Inclusion Of Holocaust And Genocide Education
And Awareness In The Social Studies Curriculum***

CCM **has concerns** with SB 452.

SB 452 would require local and regional boards of education to include Holocaust and genocide education and awareness as part of the social studies curriculum for the school district.

New curriculum mandates on local and regional boards of education further minimize instruction time and may require additional resources. While the bill allows for the use of existing public or private materials, personnel and other resources, and allows local or regional boards of education to accept gifts, grants and donations to assist in the development of the curriculum, these opportunities may not always be available.

Additionally, local and regional boards of education may already include Holocaust and genocide education and awareness as part of their current curriculum.

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