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## OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6861

### ***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PROJECTION OF A LASER AT AN AIRCRAFT OR THE FLIGHT PATH OF AN AIRCRAFT.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill generally prohibits anyone from intentionally projecting a laser on or at an aircraft or its flight path. It makes violations a class A misdemeanor (punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, up to 364 days in prison, or both). The bill exempts members of the U.S. and state armed forces and police officers performing their official duties.

Under the bill, a laser is any device that (1) projects a beam or point of light by means of light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation or (2) emits light simulating the appearance of a laser.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35      Nay 0      (03/12/2025)