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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6883**

### ***AN ACT PROTECTING THE LOCATION OF HOUSING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill exempts any information on the location of a shelter or transitional housing for sexual assault victims from disclosure under the state's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Current law similarly exempts information on the location of a shelter or transitional housing for domestic violence victims.

The bill also requires, regardless of FOIA's requirements, discussions at public agency meetings to be held in executive session if they would reveal the location of a shelter or transitional housing for domestic violence or sexual assault victims.

Lastly, the bill makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bills***

SB 1226, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee, generally exempts from disclosure under FOIA records maintained or kept by or for public higher education institution faculty or staff arising out of teaching or research on medical, artistic, scientific, legal, or other scholarly issues.

SB 1233, favorably reported by the GAE Committee, generally exempts from disclosure under FOIA the name and address of a person reporting an incident involving alleged bigotry or bias, and the alleged offender, in reports to law enforcement or a database for reporting these allegations established by UConn's Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy.

HB 6850, favorably reported by the GAE Committee, generally (1) expands FOIA's limitation on disclosing a home address in an agency's personnel, medical, or similar files to include all of the agency's employees, rather than just specified groups and individuals (e.g., certain judges and police officers), and (2) extends to all public agency employees provisions in existing law that allow covered individuals to also request address confidentiality for other types of records.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    9        Nay   0        (02/25/2025)