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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 25-70—sHB 6883**

*Government Oversight Committee*

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

**SUMMARY:** This act expands confidentiality protections for the locations of shelters or transitional housing for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault by explicitly prohibiting public agencies from disclosing any information indicating these locations, regardless of the state Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Prior law specified that FOIA did not require a public agency to disclose any information indicating the location of a shelter or transitional housing for domestic violence victims, and was silent on shelters or housing for sexual assault victims.

The act also explicitly allows, regardless of FOIA's requirements, portions of 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.

Under FOIA and the act, a "public agency" generally includes any:

1. executive, administrative, or legislative office of the state or any political subdivision of the state and any state or town agency;
2. department, board, commission, authority, or official of the state or of any municipality, school district, or other district or other political subdivision of the state;
3. committee of, or created by, any of these offices or officials;
4. judicial office, official, or body or committee, but only for administrative functions; and
5. person to the extent they are the functional equivalent of a public agency (CGS § 1-200(1)).

Lastly, the act also makes technical changes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2025