Bill No.: HB-5847
Title: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.
Vote Date: 3/7/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
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SPONSORS OF BILL:
The Housing Committee;
Rep. Larry Butler, 72nd Dist.;
Rep. Geraldo Reyes, 75th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill would establish a pilot program to implement recommendations of the Commissioner of Housing concerning certain state-funded housing projects that provide services to elderly tenants and younger tenants with disabilities to address best practices and areas of conflict to ensure tenants can use state-funded elderly/disabled housing.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None Stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
Kathleen Flaherty, Esq., Executive Director, CT Legal Rights Project, Inc.; supports this bill, stating that there is no point for a legislature to conduct a study if there is no follow-through on the recommendations of that study.

Erin Kemple, Executive Director, Connecticut Fair Housing Center; supports this bill, expressing that after this study was completed it is recommended that changes by housing authorities would ensure the law is being followed and providing a safe and secure living
environment for those who are elderly and those who are young and disabled. It is also 
recommended that DMHAS, DSS and DDS address problems faced by people who are 
young and disabled by determining if there are enhanced services that can be provided to 
cover the gaps in services identified by the Resident Service Coordinators.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Stated.

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