Bill No.: SB-1105  
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS CONCERNING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.  
Vote Date: 3/29/2019  
Vote Action: Joint Favorable  
PH Date: 3/25/2019  
File No.:  

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SPONSORS OF BILL:  
Government Administration and Elections Committee  
Co-sponsors  
Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, 18th Dist.  

REASONS FOR BILL:  
To extend the nondisclosure of the names of certain victims of crimes to include victims of family violence.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:  
None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:  
Liza Andrews, Director of Public Policy, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence: testified that victims of family violence often find it difficult to seek help from the police for fear of exposure from the local media, and that victims shouldn’t have to fear public exposure to get the help that they need.
Mary-Jane Foster, President and CEO, Hartford Interval House: testified that passage of this legislation would allow victims of family violence to seek assistance without the fear that their information will be shared with anyone in the local community.

**Additional support:**
Shauna Harrington, United Services, Inc.
D. Elizabeth Mauro, Executive Director, Women's Support Services
Lucy Nolan, Director of Policy and Public Relations, Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence
Lee Schlesinger, Executive Director, Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
Angela Schlingheyde, Director of Legal and Court Advocacy Services, The Center for Family Justice

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

Colleen Murphy, Executive Director, Freedom of Information Commission (FOI): testified regarding the Commission's concerns with "secret arrests" that may occur unintentionally with the passage of this bill with cases where multiple arrests have occurred in a family violence situation. She further stated that there is currently a contested case before the Commission regarding a multiple arrest family violence incident.

Michael Savino, President, Connecticut Council on the Freedom of Information (CCFOI): testified that this bill is inconsistent with language in current Connecticut statute 1-215 in the cases of "dual arrests" that occur in family violence cases. He also testified that in the case where an official is one of those involved in such a dual arrest, the public would be prevented from knowing whether he has received preferential treatment.

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Date: 4/10/2019