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To: Senate Bill No. 817

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"AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR CENTERS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 54-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

5 (a) The Court Support Services Division, in conjunction with state-
6 wide experts in law enforcement, the treatment of sexual offenders and
7 sexual assault victim services, shall, within available appropriations,
8 develop a community response education program to be offered to
9 neighborhoods and municipalities that have been notified pursuant to
10 section 54-258 that a person who has registered under said section is or
11 will be residing in that community.

12 (b) The purpose of such program shall be to assist neighborhoods,

13 senior centers and other facilities serving or housing senior citizens in
14 such neighborhoods, parents and children to learn how to better protect
15 themselves from sexual abuse and sexual assault. The program shall
16 develop educational materials and community information resources
17 on prevention and risk reduction concerning sexual abuse and sexual
18 assault and the enforcement of requirements concerning the registration
19 and supervision of sexual offenders and the notification of communities
20 where such offenders reside.

21 (c) The program may include the following:

22 (1) An initial community meeting following a community
23 notification, sponsored by the Court Support Services Division and held
24 in conjunction with the chief of police, chief elected officials, the
25 superintendent of schools and other municipal officials of the
26 community, to discuss the implementation of the statutory
27 requirements concerning the registration of a sexual offender and the
28 notification of the community where such offender resides, to provide
29 information on the crime or crimes involved and to provide information
30 on how the offender will be monitored by the Court Support Services
31 Division and the specific conditions of probation applicable to the
32 offender;

33 (2) Information on how and where concerned residents may report
34 observed violations by an offender of the conditions of such offender's
35 probation;

36 (3) Resources to educate families, [and] children and senior citizens
37 in the prevention and avoidance of sexual abuse and sexual assault and
38 for parents seeking supportive methods for discussing relevant issues
39 with their children;

40 (4) Resources on when and how a community may wish to establish
41 a network of "Safe Houses" for neighborhood children to use when they
42 seek safe shelter or the creation of a neighborhood block watch or crime
43 watch;

44 (5) Resources for police departments and boards of education to use
 45 in consulting with parents on appropriate school-based classroom
 46 programs stressing safety, prevention and risk reduction and to use in
 47 developing educational programs for parents to discuss relevant issues
 48 with their children; [and]

49 (6) Resources for police departments and municipal officials to
 50 provide programs stressing safety, prevention and risk reduction for
 51 senior citizens living in the community or receiving services at a senior
 52 center or other facility located in the community; and

53 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Compilation and distribution of a list of child protective
 54 agencies, child guidance clinics and rape crisis centers for families
 55 seeking more in-depth counseling after a community notification has
 56 occurred.

57 (d) The Court Support Services Division may apply for and receive
 58 grants from the federal government or any agency thereof or from any
 59 foundation, corporation, association or individual for purposes of the
 60 development of the community response education program under this
 61 section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2021	54-261