

General Assembly

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LCO No. 4406



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by: (GOS)

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PROTECTING THE LOCATION OF HOUSING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-217 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 3 1, 2025):
- 4 (a) No public agency may disclose, under the Freedom of Information
- 5 Act, from its personnel, medical or similar files, the residential address
- 6 of any of the following persons employed by such public agency:
- 7 (1) A federal court judge, federal court magistrate, judge of the
- 8 Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, or
- 9 family support magistrate;
- 10 (2) A sworn member of a municipal police department, a sworn
- 11 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
- 12 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a sworn law enforcement

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- 13 officer within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;
- 14 (3) An employee of the Department of Correction;
- 15 (4) An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in
- 16 a criminal prosecution;
- 17 (5) An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Division
- 18 of Public Defender Services or a social worker who is employed by the
- 19 Division of Public Defender Services;
- 20 (6) An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice;
- 21 (7) A firefighter;
- 22 (8) An employee of the Department of Children and Families;
- 23 (9) A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;
- 24 (10) An employee of the judicial branch;
- 25 (11) An employee of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
- 26 Services who provides direct care to patients;
- 27 (12) A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights
- 28 and Opportunities; [or]
- 29 (13) A state marshal appointed by the State Marshal Commission
- 30 pursuant to section 6-38b;
- 31 (14) An attorney-at-law employed by the Department of Emergency
- 32 Services and Public Protection; or
- 33 (15) Any United States Attorney for the district of Connecticut.
- Sec. 2. Section 8-360 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 36 Nothing in [sections 1-200, 1-205, 1-206, 1-210 to 1-213, inclusive, 1-

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- 37 225 to 1-232, inclusive, 1-240 and 19a-342] <u>chapter 14</u> shall be construed
- 38 to require a public agency, as defined in section 1-200, to disclose any
- 39 information indicating the location of a shelter or transitional housing
- 40 for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Notwithstanding the
- 41 provisions of chapter 14, any portion of a meeting of a public agency in
- 42 which discussions of a shelter or transitional housing for such victims
- 43 would reveal the location of such shelter or transitional housing shall be
- 44 <u>held in executive session.</u>

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	1-217(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	8-360

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) prohibit the disclosure of the residential address of any United States Attorney for the district of Connecticut and any attorney employed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection under the Freedom of Information Act, (2) expand the current exemption from disclosure under said act of the location of certain housing to include housing for sexual assault victims, and (3) require public agency meetings discussing such housing to be held in executive session.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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