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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 899**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill expands the scope of the state's Community Response Education Program to include resources for:

1. police departments and municipal officials to provide programs on senior citizen sexual assault and abuse safety, prevention, and risk reduction and
2. educating seniors, in addition to families and children as under current law, on preventing and avoiding sexual abuse and assault.

By law, the Court Support Services Division administers the program, within available appropriations, to help neighborhoods, parents, and children learn how to better protect themselves from sexual assault and sexual abuse. The bill specifies that neighborhoods include senior centers and other facilities within neighborhoods that house or serve seniors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/11/2021)