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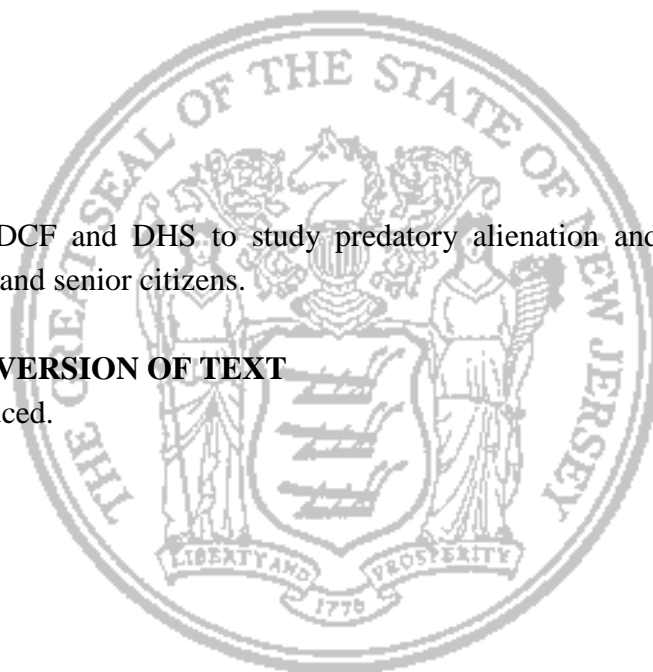
**Senators Bateman, A.R.Bucco, Oroho, Pennacchio, Thompson, Gordon,
Greenstein, Assemblywoman Chaparro and Assemblyman Lagana**

SYNOPSIS

Requires DCF and DHS to study predatory alienation and its effects on young adults and senior citizens.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2017)

1 AN ACT requiring the Departments of Children and Families and
2 Human Services to jointly study predatory alienation and its
3 effects on young adults and senior citizens.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Departments of Children and Families and Human
9 Services shall conduct a joint study and make recommendations
10 concerning predatory alienation and its effects on young adults and
11 senior citizens. The study shall examine:

12 (1) how online predators, human traffickers, con artists, gangs,
13 cults, and other groups use predatory alienation to isolate young
14 adults and senior citizens from their family and friends;

15 (2) the grooming practices used to target and control young
16 adults;

17 (3) the high pressure tactics used in scams and exploitative
18 relationships to manipulate, control, and take advantage of senior
19 citizens;

20 (4) why young adults and senior citizens are vulnerable to
21 predatory alienation;

22 (5) what young adults and senior citizens can do to protect
23 themselves from predatory alienation; and

24 (6) any other information relative to the subject matter of the
25 study.

26 b. As used in the section, “predatory alienation” means a
27 person’s extreme undue influence on, or coercive persuasion or
28 psychologically damaging manipulation of, another person that
29 results in physical or emotional harm or the loss of financial assets,
30 disrupts a parent-child relationship, leads to a deceptive or
31 exploitative relationship, or isolates the person from family and
32 friends.

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34 2. A report on the joint study’s findings and recommendations
35 shall be submitted to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of the
36 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature no later than six
37 months after the effective date of this act.

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39 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the
40 30th day after the Departments of Children and Families and
41 Human Services jointly submit the report as prescribed in section 2
42 of this act.

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45 STATEMENT

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47 This bill requires the Departments of Children and Families and
48 Human Services to conduct a joint study and make

1 recommendations concerning predatory alienation and its effects on
2 young adults and senior citizens.

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8 exploitative relationship, or isolates the person from family and
9 friends.

10 The study would examine: how online predators, human
11 traffickers, con artists, gangs, cults, and other groups use predatory
12 alienation to isolate young adults and senior citizens from their
13 family and friends; the grooming practices used to target and
14 control young adults; the high pressure tactics used in scams and
15 exploitative relationships to manipulate, control, and take advantage
16 of senior citizens; why young adults and senior citizens are
17 vulnerable to predatory alienation; what young adults and senior
18 citizens can do to protect themselves from predatory alienation; and
19 any other information relative to the subject matter of the study.

20 A report on the joint study’s findings and recommendations
21 would be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature within six
22 months of the effective date of the bill.