

P.L.2017, CHAPTER 64, *approved May 8, 2017*  
Senate, No. 2562

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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This bill requires the Departments of Children and Families and Human Services to conduct a joint study and make recommendations concerning predatory alienation and its effects on young adults and senior citizens.

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

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

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

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