

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Atwater

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to perjury; creating s.
837.051, F.S.; providing a penalty for
knowingly and willfully giving false
information to a law enforcement officer who is
in the course of conducting a felony or
missing-person investigation with the intent to
mislead the officer or impede the
investigation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 837.051, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

837.051 False information to law enforcement officer
during investigation.--Whoever knowingly and willfully gives
false information to a law enforcement officer who is
conducting a missing person investigation or felony criminal
investigation with the intent to mislead the officer or impede
the investigation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1418

Provides that it is a first degree misdemeanor for a person to
knowingly and willfully give false information to a law
enforcement officer who is conducting a missing person
investigation or felony criminal investigation with the intent
to mislead the officer or impede the investigation.