

By Senator Negrón

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to knowingly and willfully giving
3 false information to a law enforcement officer;
4 amending s. 837.055, F.S.; providing that it is a
5 third-degree felony for a person to knowingly and
6 willfully give false information to a law enforcement
7 officer conducting a missing person investigation
8 involving a child 16 years of age or younger with the
9 intent to mislead the officer or impede the
10 investigation if the child suffers great bodily harm,
11 permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or
12 death; providing criminal penalties; providing an
13 effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 837.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to
18 read:

19 837.055 False information to law enforcement during
20 investigation.—

21 (1) Whoever knowingly and willfully gives false information
22 to a law enforcement officer who is conducting a missing person
23 investigation or a felony criminal investigation with the intent
24 to mislead the officer or impede the investigation commits a
25 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
26 775.082 or s. 775.083.

27 (2) Whoever knowingly and willfully gives false information
28 to a law enforcement officer who is conducting a missing person
29 investigation involving a child 16 years of age or younger with

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30 the intent to mislead the officer or impede the investigation
31 and the child who is the subject of the investigation suffers
32 great bodily harm, permanent disability, permanent
33 disfigurement, or death commits a felony of the third degree,
34 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.