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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Boyd) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 817.49, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:

817.49 False reports of commission of crimes; penalty.—

(1) A person who ~~whoever~~ willfully imparts, conveys, or
causes to be imparted or conveyed to a ~~any~~ law enforcement
officer false information or reports concerning the alleged
commission of any crime under the laws of this state, knowing



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12 such information or report to be false, when in that no such
13 crime has had actually been committed, commits shall upon
14 conviction thereof be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first
15 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

16 (2) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "public safety
17 agency" means a law enforcement agency, a professional or
18 volunteer fire department, an emergency medical service, an
19 ambulance service, or any other public entity that provides
20 first responder services to respond to crimes, to assist victims
21 of crimes, or to apprehend offenders.

22 (b) In addition to the criminal penalty for violating
23 subsection (1), if the offense results in:

24 1. A response by a federal, a state, a district, a
25 municipal, or any other public safety agency to address the
26 reported crime, and the combined cost incurred by all responding
27 agencies exceeds \$1,000, the person may be sentenced to pay a
28 fine of up to \$5,000.

29 2. Great bodily harm, permanent disfigurement, or permanent
30 disability as a proximate result of lawful conduct arising out
31 of a response, the person may be sentenced to pay a fine of up
32 to \$7,500.

33 3. Death as a proximate result of lawful conduct arising
34 out of a response, the person may be sentenced to pay a fine of
35 up to \$10,000.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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38 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

39 And the title is amended as follows:

40 Delete everything before the enacting clause



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41 and insert:

42 A bill to be entitled
43 An act relating to false reports of crimes; amending
44 s. 817.49, F.S.; defining the term "public safety
45 agency"; authorizing enhanced fines for the willful
46 making of false reports of crimes under certain
47 circumstances; providing an effective date.