By Senator Ingoglia

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to false reporting; amending s.
3	365.172, F.S.; providing that a person who misuses
4	emergency communication systems is liable for the
5	costs of prosecution and investigation; amending s.
6	837.05, F.S.; providing that a person who makes a
7	false report to law enforcement authorities is liable
8	for the costs of prosecution and investigation;
9	providing that such persons are also liable for
10	restitution if the false report involves another
11	person who sustained injuries or property damage as a
12	result of the false report; reenacting s.
13	943.082(2)(c), F.S., relating to the School Safety
14	Awareness Program, to incorporate the amendment made
15	to s. 837.05, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing
16	an effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 365.172, Florida
21	Statutes, is amended to read:
22	365.172 Emergency communications
23	(14) MISUSE OF 911, E911, OR NG911 SYSTEM; PENALTY911,
24	E911, and NG911 service must be used solely for emergency
25	communications by the public. Any person who accesses the number
26	911 for the purpose of making a false alarm or complaint or
27	reporting false information that could result in the emergency
28	response of any public safety agency; any person who knowingly
29	uses or attempts to use such service for a purpose other than

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59	the following information:
60	(c) That if, following an investigation, it is determined
61	that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL,
62	the Internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the
63	tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies
64	for further investigation and the reporting party may be subject
65	to criminal penalties under s. 837.05. In all other
66	circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose
67	his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.
68	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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