



**House Judiciary Reported Substitute for HB82**

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 13A-10-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to add additional activity that would constitute the crime of false reporting; to further provide for penalties; to require the payment of restitution in certain circumstances; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 13A-10-9, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§13A-10-9

(a) A person commits the crime of false reporting to local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities if he or she knowingly makes a false report or causes the transmission of a false report to local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities of a crime or relating to a crime.

(b) False reporting to local, state, or federal law enforcement authorities is a Class A misdemeanor, unless the



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29 false report alleges imminent danger to a person or the  
30 public, where the penalty shall be a Class C felony.

31 (c) A person convicted of a violation of this section,  
32 where the false report results in an emergency response or  
33 investigation of the commission of false reporting, shall be  
34 ordered to pay restitution for the expenses incurred by any  
35 local, state, or federal law enforcement or assisting  
36 governmental agency. Expenses include any reasonable costs  
37 directly incurred, including the costs of police,  
38 firefighting, and emergency medical services, and the  
39 personnel costs of those persons who respond to the incident."

40 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose  
41 or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of  
42 local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements  
43 and application under Section 111.05 of the Constitution of  
44 Alabama of 2022, because the bill defines a new crime or  
45 amends the definition of an existing crime.

46 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
47 1, 2024.