

HB82 ENGROSSED



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



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

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

44 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
45 1, 2024.



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Clerk