

Legislative Analysis



PENALTY FOR FALSE REPORTING OF A PUBLIC THREAT

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Senate Bill 976 (passed by the Senate as S-1)
Sponsor: Sen. Mike Nofs
House Committee: Communications and Technology
Senate Committee: Judiciary
Complete to 6-3-16

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 976 is the Senate counterpart to House Bill 5449, which has already passed the House as *part of a three-bill package* creating a public threat alert system. Both SB 976 and HB 5449 classify the new felony of falsely reporting a public threat as a Class F felony and add it to the Code of Criminal Procedure.

House Bill 5442 would create a new act, the "Public Threat Alert System Act." This act would relate to notifications to be delivered during emergencies, including active shooter situations, and would make falsely reporting a public threat a felony. A third bill, House Bill 5567, would amend Section 1f of the Code of Criminal Procedure to add the false reporting of a public threat to a list of offenses where the convicted may be ordered to reimburse the state or local unit of government for expenses incurred as a result of the offense.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 976 amends sentencing guidelines and does not have a direct fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

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