

# Legislative Analysis



## FALSELY RAISING ACTIVE SHOOTER ALARM

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**House Bill 4698 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Thomas A. Albert**  
**Committee: Judiciary**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4698 would add a new section to Chapter LXXII (Public Safety) of the Michigan Penal Code to create a criminal penalty for raising a false *active shooter alarm* in a public place, such as a school. Knowingly and willfully raising such a false alarm would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000.

*Active shooter alarm* would mean an alarm system designed to alert individuals inside that place that there is an active shooter on or near the premises. The term would include an alarm system that, when activated, locks doors, informs local law enforcement of the active shooter, flashes a blue light, and broadcasts a message inside the place indicating the presence of an active shooter.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

Proposed MCL 750.499

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4698 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the state and on local units of government. The number of convictions that would result under provisions of the bill is not known. New misdemeanor convictions would increase costs related to county jails and/or local misdemeanor probation supervision. Costs of local incarceration in county jails and local misdemeanor probation supervision, and how those costs are financed, vary by jurisdiction. The fiscal impact on local court systems would depend on how provisions of the bill affected court caseloads and related administrative costs. Any increase in penal fine revenue would increase funding for public and county law libraries, which are the constitutionally designated recipients of those revenues.

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