

Senate Bill 121

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 2nd, Harrell of the 40th,  
Jackson of the 41st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to perjury and related offenses, so as to expand the offense of perjury to include false  
3 statements made in police reports by law enforcement officers; to provide for related matters;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 perjury and related offenses, is amended by revising Code Section 16-10-70, relating to  
9 perjury, as follows:

10 "16-10-70.

11 (a) A person to whom a lawful oath or affirmation has been administered commits the  
12 offense of perjury when, in a judicial proceeding, he or she knowingly and willfully makes  
13 a false statement material to the issue or point in question.

14 (b) A peace officer commits the offense of perjury when, in any report filed with his or her  
15 employing law enforcement agency or college or university regarding the commission of  
16 any crime or the investigation of any crime, he or she knowingly and intentionally makes

17 any statement regarding any material matter in the report which the officer knows to be  
18 false, whether or not the statement is certified or otherwise expressly reported as true.

19 ~~(b)~~(c) A person convicted of the offense of perjury shall be punished by a fine of not more  
20 than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years, or both.

21 A person convicted of the offense of perjury that was a cause of another's being imprisoned  
22 shall be sentenced to a term not to exceed the sentence provided for the crime for which  
23 the other person was convicted. A person convicted of the offense of perjury that was a  
24 cause of another's being punished by death shall be punished by life imprisonment."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.