

# HOUSE BILL No. 1108

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-44.1-2-3.5.

**Synopsis:** False accusation of a crime. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally: (1) makes a report to law enforcement; and (2) falsely accuses another person of committing a crime; commits false accusation of a crime.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-44.1-2-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) A person who knowingly**  
4 **or intentionally:**  
5 (1) **makes a report to law enforcement; and**  
6 (2) **falsely accuses another person of committing a crime;**  
7 **commits false accusation of a crime.**  
8 (b) **The penalty for an offense under subsection (a) is:**  
9 (1) **if the crime in which the other person is falsely accused is**  
10 **a misdemeanor, the penalty for a misdemeanor of the same**  
11 **class of the crime the other person is falsely accused of**  
12 **committing;**  
13 (2) **except as provided in subdivision (3), if the crime in which**  
14 **the other person is falsely accused is a felony, the penalty for**  
15 **a felony of the same level of the crime the other person is**  
16 **falsely accused of committing; or**  
17 (3) **if the crime in which the other person is accused is**



1 **murder, the penalty for a Level 1 felony.**

