

# SENATE BILL No. 232

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-44.1-2-3.

**Synopsis:** False reporting. Specifies that a law enforcement officer who, knowing that information is false or misleading, includes the false or misleading information in a police report commits false informing, a Class A misdemeanor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2022.

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January 6, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

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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 2021 Regular 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, AS AMENDED BY P.L.174-2021,  
2 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "consumer product"  
4 has the meaning set forth in IC 35-45-8-1.  
5 (b) As used in this section, "misconduct" means a violation of a  
6 departmental rule or procedure of a law enforcement agency.  
7 (c) A person who reports that:  
8 (1) the person or another person has placed or intends to place an  
9 explosive, a destructive device, or other destructive substance in  
10 a building or transportation facility;  
11 (2) there has been or there will be tampering with a consumer  
12 product introduced into commerce; or  
13 (3) there has been or will be placed or introduced a weapon of  
14 mass destruction in a building or a place of assembly;  
15 knowing the report to be false, commits false reporting, a Level 6  
16 felony.  
17 (d) A person who:



- 1 (1) gives ~~(A)~~ a false report of the commission of a crime,  
 2 **knowing the report to be false; or**  
 3 ~~(B)~~ **(2)** gives false information to a law enforcement officer that  
 4 relates to the commission of a crime, knowing the ~~report or~~  
 5 information to be false;  
 6 **(3) being a law enforcement officer, includes false or**  
 7 **materially misleading information in a police report, knowing**  
 8 **the information to be false or materially misleading;**  
 9 ~~(2)~~ **(4)** gives a false alarm of fire to the fire department of a  
 10 governmental entity, knowing the alarm to be false;  
 11 ~~(3)~~ **(5)** makes a false request for ambulance service to an  
 12 ambulance service provider, knowing the request to be false;  
 13 ~~(4)~~ **(6)** gives a false report concerning a missing child (as defined  
 14 in IC 10-13-5-4) or missing endangered adult (as defined in  
 15 IC 12-7-2-131.3) or gives false information to a law enforcement  
 16 officer or a governmental entity that relates to a missing child or  
 17 missing endangered adult knowing the report or information to be  
 18 false;  
 19 ~~(5)~~ **(7)** makes a complaint against a law enforcement officer to the  
 20 state or municipality (as defined in IC 8-1-13-3(b)) that employs  
 21 the officer:  
 22 (A) alleging the officer engaged in misconduct while  
 23 performing the officer's duties; and  
 24 (B) knowing the complaint to be false;  
 25 ~~(6)~~ **(8)** makes a false report of a missing person, knowing the  
 26 report or information is false;  
 27 ~~(7)~~ **(9)** gives a false report of actions, behavior, or conditions  
 28 concerning:  
 29 (A) a septic tank soil absorption system under IC 8-1-2-125 or  
 30 IC 13-26-5-2.5; or  
 31 (B) a septic tank soil absorption system or constructed wetland  
 32 septic system under IC 36-9-23-30.1;  
 33 knowing the report or information to be false; or  
 34 ~~(8)~~ **(10)** makes a false report that a person is dangerous (as  
 35 defined in IC 35-47-14-1) knowing the report or information to be  
 36 false;  
 37 commits false informing, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense  
 38 is a Class A misdemeanor if it **is committed by a law enforcement**  
 39 **officer, if it** substantially hinders any law enforcement process, or if it  
 40 results in harm to another person.

