

HB 109-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL **109-FN**

AN ACT relative to false reports to law enforcement.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25; Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Rep. Roy, Rock. 31

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enhances the penalty for the offense of false reports to law enforcement from a misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to false reports to law enforcement.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Criminal Code; False Reports to Law Enforcement. Amend RSA 641:4 to read as follows:

2 641:4 False Reports to Law Enforcement.

3 A person is guilty of a **class A** misdemeanor if he **or she**:

4 I. Knowingly gives or causes to be given false information to any law enforcement officer  
5 with the purpose of inducing such officer to believe that another has committed an offense; or

6 II. Knowingly gives or causes to be given information to any law enforcement officer  
7 concerning the commission of an offense, or the danger from an explosive or other dangerous  
8 substance, knowing that the offense or danger did not occur or exist or knowing that he **or she** has  
9 no information relating to the offense or danger.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 109-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT # 2025-3085s)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

**\*Expenditure = Cost of bill                      \*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

<b>Estimated Political Subdivision Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>County Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>County Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: [https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal\\_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf](https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf)

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Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association