

HB 109-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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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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ANALYSIS

This bill makes it a crime to knowingly falsely allege misconduct or criminal conduct against a police officer acting in the performance of his or her official duty.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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                 ***I.*** A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if he ***or she***:

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

6                     ~~[II.]~~ ***(b)*** Knowingly gives or causes to be given information to any law enforcement  
7 officer 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                 ***II.*** *A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if he or she knowingly reports to a law*  
11 *enforcement officer or agency, by word or action, false or baseless information regarding*  
12 *an allegation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer in the performance of such*  
13 *officer's duty.*

14                 ***III.*** *A person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if he or she knowingly reports to a*  
15 *law enforcement officer or agency, by word or action, false or baseless information*  
16 *regarding an allegation of criminal conduct by a law enforcement officer in the*  
17 *performance of such officer's duty.*

18                 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 109-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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)

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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