

SENATE FILE 211
BY GIANNETTO

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to making false reports to law enforcement
2 agencies, making spurious calls to emergency 911
3 communications centers, or providing false information on
4 citations and establishing penalties and providing a
5 conditional effective date.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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S.F. 211

1 Section 1. Section 718.6, Code 1995, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 718.6 FALSE REPORTS TO LAW-ENFORCEMENT-AUTHORITIES OR
4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES.

5 1. A person who reports or causes to be reported false
6 information to a fire department, or a law enforcement
7 authority, or other public safety entity, knowing that the
8 information is false, or who reports the alleged occurrence of
9 a criminal act knowing the same act did not occur, commits a
10 simple misdemeanor, unless the alleged criminal act reported
11 is a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or felony, in which
12 case the person commits a serious misdemeanor.

13 2. A person who telephones an emergency 911 communications
14 center and terminates the call without providing emergency
15 information or telephones an emergency 911 communications
16 center knowing that the person is not reporting an emergency
17 or otherwise needing emergency information or assistance
18 commits a simple misdemeanor.

19 3. A person who provides false information on a citation
20 commits a simple misdemeanor, unless the criminal act for
21 which the citation is issued is a serious or aggravated
22 misdemeanor or felony, in which case the person commits a
23 serious misdemeanor.

24 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act shall not take effect
25 unless an appropriation is enacted or the state's share of the
26 cost is specified in accordance with section 25B.2, subsection
27 3.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill provides that a person who makes a false report
30 to a fire department, law enforcement agency, or other public
31 safety entity commits a serious misdemeanor if the false
32 criminal act reported is a serious or aggravated misdemeanor
33 or felony. The bill also makes it a simple misdemeanor for a
34 person to call an E911 communications center and hang up or to
35 call knowingly not having an emergency. The bill also

1 provides that a person providing false information on a
2 citation commits a simple misdemeanor unless the citation is
3 for a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or felony, in which
4 case, the penalty is a serious misdemeanor.

5 The bill may provide a state mandate under chapter 25B and
6 shall not take effect unless an appropriation is made fully
7 funding the cost to political subdivisions of implementing
8 this bill or specifying the state's share of the cost.

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SENATE FILE 212

S-3686

1 Amend Senate File 212 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 17, by inserting after the word
3 "pupils." the following: "The department shall not
4 distribute any moneys from the fund established by
5 this section until an appropriation from the fund is
6 made by the general assembly."

7 2. Page 2, line 3, by striking the words "an
8 apple and a desk" and inserting the following: "a
9 school building and a flag".

10 3. Page 2, by inserting after line 31 the
11 following:

12 "Sec. ____ . The department of education shall study
13 and report any recommendations to the general assembly
14 by January 8, 1996, regarding a procedure to
15 distribute moneys deposited in the Iowa education
16 transportation enhancement fund established in section
17 285.8A to local school boards to be used for providing
18 transportation for pupils."

19 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
LARRY MURPHY, Chairperson

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