HOUSE FILE 2472
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2226)

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to tampering with witnesses or jurors, and providing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 720.4, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

720.4 Tampering with witnesses or jurors.

~~A~~ It shall be unlawful for a person ~~who offers~~ to offer any bribe to any person who the offeror believes has been or may be summoned as a witness or juror in any judicial or arbitration proceeding, or any legislative hearing, ~~or who makes~~ to make any threats toward such person or ~~who~~ forcibly or fraudulently ~~detains~~ detain or ~~restrains~~ restrain such person, with the intent to improperly influence such witness or juror with respect to the witness' or juror's testimony or decision in such case, or to prevent such person from testifying or serving in such case, or ~~who,~~ in retaliation for anything lawfully done by any witness or juror in any case, ~~harasses~~ to harass such witness or juror~~,~~. A person who violates this section commits ~~an aggravated misdemeanor~~ [a class "D" felony.]