

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to SB 225:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to obstruction of public administration and related criminal offenses, so as to provide  
3 for a new offense of transmitting a false report of a crime; to provide for penalties; to provide  
4 for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 obstruction of public administration and related criminal offenses, is amended by adding a  
9 new Code section to read as follows:  
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11 "16-10-26.1.

12 A person who knowingly and intentionally sends a false claim by means of a written,  
13 electronic, or other transmission, through any medium, that he or she or another person has  
14 committed a serious violent felony, as such term is defined in Code Section 16-10-6.1, and  
15 which false claim causes a law enforcement agency or official to initiate an investigation  
16 to determine whether such violent felony has been committed by the person or persons  
17 claimed to have committed such crime, shall be guilty of the felony offense of transmitting  
18 a false report of a crime and, upon conviction therefor, shall be punished by imprisonment  
19 of not less than one nor more than five years, or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or  
20 both."

**SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011, and shall apply to offenses committed on  
22 or after such date.  
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