

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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"16-10-26.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'serious violent felony' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 17-10-6.1.

(b) A person who knowingly and intentionally transmits a false claim by means of a written, electronic, or other transmission, through any medium, stating that he or she has committed a serious violent felony and the false claim is reasonably intended to cause a law enforcement agency or official to initiate an investigation to determine whether such serious violent felony has been committed by such person shall be guilty of the misdemeanor offense of transmitting a false report of a crime."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after such date.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.