

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 SENATE BILL 156

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending
8 21 O.S. 2021, Section 589, which relates to false
9 reporting; modifying elements of misdemeanor offense;
10 creating felony offense; specifying punishments for
11 certain offenses; updating statutory language; and
12 providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 589, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 589. A. It shall be unlawful to willfully, knowingly,
17 and without probable cause make a false report to any person of any
18 crime or circumstances indicating the possibility of crime having
19 been committed, including the unlawful taking of personal property,
20 which report causes or encourages the exercise of police action or
21 investigation. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of
22 this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor ~~punishable by~~
23 ~~imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days~~
24 ~~or by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by~~
both such fine and imprisonment if the false report accused a person

1 of a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of violating the provisions
2 of this subsection shall be guilty of a felony if the false report
3 accused a person of a felony. The punishments for such misdemeanor
4 or felony shall be the same as the provisions for such offense of
5 the accused crime in the false report.

6 B. It shall be unlawful to willfully, knowingly, and without
7 probable cause communicate false information concerning a missing
8 child to a law enforcement agency that causes or encourages the
9 activation of an AMBER alert warning system. Any person convicted
10 of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a
11 felony punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more
12 than one (1) year or by a fine ~~of~~ not less than One Thousand Dollars
13 (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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