

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 816

By: Eason McIntyre and Gumm of  
the Senate

and

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[ crimes and punishments - false crime reports -  
effective date ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2001, Section 589, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 589. A. It shall be unlawful to willfully, knowingly  
and without probable cause make a false report to any person of any  
crime or circumstances indicating the possibility of crime having  
been committed, including the unlawful taking of personal property,  
which report causes or encourages ~~the exercise of police~~ any law  
enforcement agency, court, or state or municipal agency to take  
action or, conduct an investigation, and any activate an early alert  
warning system, or exercise other authority or services in response  
to such report.

B. Any person convicted of violating the provisions hereof any  
provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county  
jail for not more than ninety (90) days or by a fine of not more  
than in an amount not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or  
by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted of a  
violation of this section based upon a false report of a missing  
child causing an activation of the AMBER Alert System in this state  
shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more  
than ninety (90) days, or by a fine in an amount not exceeding One

Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

C. In addition to any criminal penalty imposed, a person convicted of any violation of the provisions of this section may be ordered to reimburse all costs incurred by any person or agency as a result of responding to the false report.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives