

Senate Bill 385

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER; Senator WEBER, Representatives LEVY B, RESCHKE (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act increases the penalty for making a false report of child abuse. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Modifies the offense of making a false report of child abuse. Punishes a first or second offense by a maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Punishes a third or subsequent offense by a maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to false reports of child abuse; creating new provisions; amending ORS 419B.016; and pre-
3 scribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 419B.016 is amended to read:

6 419B.016. (1) A person commits the [*offense*] **crime** of making a false report of child abuse iff,
7 *with the intent to influence a custody, parenting time, visitation or child support decision,* the person:

8 (a) Makes a false report of child abuse to the Department of Human Services or a law enforce-
9 ment agency, knowing that the report is false; or

10 (b) With the intent that a public or private official make a report of child abuse to the Depart-
11 ment of Human Services or a law enforcement agency, makes a false report of child abuse to the
12 public or private official, knowing that the report is false.

13 (2) Making a false report of child abuse is a Class A [*violation*] **misdemeanor for a first or**
14 **second offense, and a Class C felony for a third or subsequent offense.**

15 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 419B.016 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to false
16 reports of child abuse made on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.

17 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
18 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.