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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate Judiciary

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Penalty for swatting

- Reduces the general penalty for swatting from a third degree felony to a fourth degree felony.

Elements of swatting

- Modifies the offense of swatting, created by the bill, so that commission of the offense requires all of the following:
 - A person, by means of a telecommunications device or telecommunications service reports or causes to be reported false or misleading information to a law enforcement agency, emergency service provider, or public safety answering point;
 - The person knows the information is false or misleading;
 - The person acts with reckless disregard as to whether the report may cause bodily harm to any individual as a direct result of an emergency response to the report;
 - The report is filed under circumstances where it is reasonably likely to cause an emergency response from a law enforcement agency, emergency service provider, or public safety answering point;
 - The report does cause an emergency response.