



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Rep. Grossman

BILL SUMMARY

- Expands the offenses of disorderly conduct, inducing panic, making false alarms, and obstructing official business by prohibiting acts that simulate criminal activity or cause a false belief that a crime is being committed.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Additions to offenses

The bill expands several existing offenses to prohibit persons from producing public alarm with simulated criminal activity or causing law enforcement officials to investigate phony crimes. The bill does not alter any penalties.

Specifically, the bill does the following:

- Adds to disorderly conduct the reckless creation of a condition with the intent of causing law enforcement officials to believe that a crime is being committed.¹
- Adds to inducing panic the purposeful simulation of the commission of an offense with reckless disregard for the fact that the simulation will cause serious public inconvenience or alarm.²

¹ R.C. 2917.11(A)(6).

² R.C. 2917.31(A)(4).

- Adds to making false alarms the reckless causing of another person to report to a law enforcement agency an alleged offense or other incident within the agency's concern knowing that the offense did not occur.³
- Adds to obstructing official business the commission of any act that simulates a crime, without privilege to do so and with the purpose to obstruct, distract, or divert a law enforcement official from any authorized act within the official's official capacity.⁴

HISTORY

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Introduced	05-13-15

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³ R.C. 2917.32(A)(3).

⁴ R.C. 2921.31(B).

