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SYNOPSIS

Creates offense of making false child abuse report; permits assessment of penalty.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning false reports of child abuse and supplementing
2 chapter 6 of Title 9 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. A person who knowingly or willfully makes or causes to
8 be made a report of child abuse or neglect pursuant to section 3 of
9 P.L.1971, c.437 (C.9:6-8.10) knowing the report to be false is guilty
10 of a crime of the third degree.

11 b. In addition to any other penalty or fine imposed by the court,
12 a person convicted under the provisions of this act shall be assessed
13 a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 payable to the Treasurer of the State
14 of New Jersey for use by the Department of Children and Families.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill makes it a crime of the third degree to knowingly or
22 willfully make a false report of child abuse. A crime of the third
23 degree is ordinarily punishable by a term of imprisonment of three
24 to five years, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both.

25 Also, the bill permits the assessment of an additional civil
26 penalty of up to \$10,000, payable to the State Treasurer for use by
27 the Department of Children and Families.