

By Senator Campbell

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the reporting of crimes;  
requiring that a person contact a law  
enforcement officer or law enforcement agency  
as soon as reasonably possible after witnessing  
the commission of a crime; requiring that the  
person cooperate in the investigation of the  
crime; amending s. 365.171, F.S.; providing  
that it is a first-degree misdemeanor to  
knowingly make a false alarm or report false  
information; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Any person who witnesses the commission of  
a crime must report the crime to a law enforcement officer or  
law enforcement agency as soon as reasonably possible and  
cooperate in the investigation of the crime.

Section 2. Subsection (16) of section 365.171, Florida  
Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

365.171 Emergency telephone number "911."--  
(16) FALSE "911" CALLS.--Whoever accesses the number  
"911" for the purpose of knowingly making a false alarm or  
complaint or knowingly reporting false information which could  
result in the emergency response of any public safety agency  
commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires any person who witnesses a crime to contact a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency as soon as reasonably possible. Requires such person to cooperate in the investigation of the crime. Revises the elements of the offense of making a false alarm or reporting false information to provide that such act is a first-degree misdemeanor if the person knows that the alarm or report is false.