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HOUSE FILE 2060
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of making a false report
2 and providing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 712.7, Code 2001, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 712.7 FALSE REPORTS.

4 1. A person who, knowing the information to be false,
5 conveys or causes to be conveyed to any person any false
6 information concerning the placement of any incendiary or
7 explosive device or material or other destructive substance or
8 device in any place where persons or property would be
9 endangered commits a class "D" felony.

10 2. If a person commits a violation of subsection 1, and
11 the place where persons or property would be endangered is on
12 school grounds, the person commits a class "C" felony. For
13 the purposes of this section, "school" means a public or
14 nonpublic school as defined in section 280.2.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill relates to the criminal offense of making a false
17 report.

18 The bill provides that a person who knowingly provides
19 false information concerning the placement of an incendiary or
20 explosive device or material of other destructive substance on
21 school grounds commits a class "C" felony. Current law
22 provides that the offense is a class "D" felony. Under the
23 bill the term "school" means any school directly supported in
24 whole or in part by taxation and any nonpublic school which is
25 accredited or which uses licensed practitioners as
26 instructors.

27 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more
28 than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than
29 \$7,500. A class "C" felony is punishable by confinement for
30 no more than 10 years and a fine of at least \$1,000 but not
31 more than \$10,000.

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