

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 405
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that it is an offense to make a false report to a peace officer, federal special investigator, or law enforcement employee with the intent to deceive and it has been suggested that it should similarly be an offense to make a false report with such intent to a corrections officer or jailer. S.B. 405 seeks to address this issue by expanding the conduct that constitutes the offense of false report to a peace officer, federal special investigator, or law enforcement employee to include knowingly making a false statement that is material to a criminal investigation to a corrections officer or jailer with the intent to deceive.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 405 amends the Penal Code to expand the conduct that constitutes the offense of false report to a peace officer, federal special investigator, or law enforcement employee to include knowingly making a false statement that is material to a criminal investigation to a corrections officer or jailer with the intent to deceive.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.