Senate Bill 1056

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Modifies offense of making a false report of child abuse. Punishes first or second offense by maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, $6,250 fine, or both. Punishes third or subsequent offense by maximum of five years' imprisonment, $125,000 fine, or both.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to false reports of child abuse; creating new provisions; amending ORS 419B.016; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 419B.016 is amended to read:

419B.016. (1) A person commits the [offense] crime of making a false report of child abuse if,

with the intent to influence a custody, parenting time, visitation or child support decision,

the person:

(a) Makes a false report of child abuse to the Department of Human Services or a law enforce-

ment agency, knowing that the report is false; or

(b) With the intent that a public or private official make a report of child abuse to the Depart-

ment of Human Services or a law enforcement agency, makes a false report of child abuse to the

public or private official, knowing that the report is false.

(2) Making a false report of child abuse is a Class A [violation] misdemeanor for a first or

second offense, and a Class C felony for a third or subsequent offense.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 419B.016 by section 1 of this 2023 Act apply to false

reports of child abuse made on or after the effective date of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023

regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.