

Legislative Analysis



FALSELY RAISING ACTIVE SHOOTER ALARM

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House Bill 4698 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Thomas A. Albert
Committee: Judiciary
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4698 would add a new section to Chapter LXXII (Public Safety) of the Michigan Penal Code to create a criminal penalty for raising a false *active shooter alarm* in a public place. Knowingly and willfully raising such a false alarm would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000. A public place would include a school.

Active shooter alarm would mean an alarm system designed to alert individuals inside that place that there is an active shooter on or near the premises. The term would include an alarm system that, when activated, locks doors, informs local law enforcement of the active shooter, flashes a blue light, and broadcasts a message inside the place indicating the presence of an active shooter.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

Proposed MCL 750.499

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

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