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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1277

AMENDMENT NO. __ Amend Senate Bill 1277 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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"Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Section 31-4 as follows:
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(720 ILCS 5/31-4) (from Ch. 38, par. 31-4)
Sec. 31-4. Obstructing justice.
(a) A person obstructs justice when, with intent to prevent the apprehension or obstruct the prosecution or defense of any person, he or she knowingly commits any of the following acts:
(1) Destroys, alters, conceals or disguises physical evidence, plants false evidence, furnishes false information; or
(2) Induces a witness having knowledge material to the subject at issue to leave the State or conceal himself or
herself; or
(3) Possessing knowledge material to the subject at issue, he or she leaves the State or conceals himself; or
(4) If a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a child under 13 years of age reports materially false information to a law enforcement agency, medical examiner, coroner, State's Attorney, or other governmental agency during an investigation of the disappearance or death of a child under circumstances described in subsection (a) or (b) of Section 10-10 of this Code.
(b) Sentence.
(1) Obstructing justice is a Class 4 felony, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection (b).
(2) Obstructing justice in furtherance of streetgang related or gang-related activity, as defined in Section 10 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act, is a Class 3 felony.
(c) For purposes of paragraph (1) of subsection (a), "conceal" means hiding evidence in a manner that makes its discovery or recovery materially more difficult or impossible. (Source: P.A. 97-1079, eff. 1-1-13.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.".

