

To the Public Safety & Children and Families Committees

HF601 even on its face is draconian.

Its only purpose is to punish victims of crimes. There is no other crime that requires its victims to be charged for a crime for failing to report it.

The people who this would punish are victims that have no criminal intentions whatsoever. The requirements are so subjective that a person can be charged for a crime simply for being unaware that they themselves are a victim of a crime through no will of their own.

This only hurts people who have themselves been hurt, simply for having the gall of failing to report the fact that they were hurt even if they didn't know they were hurt.

It is nothing but cruelty for cruelty's sake.

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