

HB 637 -- Records

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This bill makes several changes to the laws governing the theft or destruction of government documents.

The bill amends the crime of stealing, a class C felony, by including within the offense the theft of a government document or a document of historical significance.

The bill amends the crime of library theft by:

(1) Including within the definition of "library" any museum and any archive or repository of government records;

(2) Including within the offense the damaging of any library material;

(3) Increasing the penalty for the theft of library material that is worth less than \$500, from a class C misdemeanor to a class A misdemeanor; and

(4) Making the theft of library material worth more than \$25,000 a class B felony.

The bill amends the crime of tampering with a public record by:

(1) Increasing the penalty for the offense from a class A misdemeanor to a class D felony; and

(2) Including within the offense the failure of a civil or military officer to deliver to his or her successor all of the records of the office.