

HB 601 -- CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHILE MASKED

SPONSOR: Lucas

This bill creates a penalty enhancement for individuals who wear, during the commission of a misdemeanor or felony, a mask, hood, disguise, or other clothing that conceals or attempts to conceal the person's identity at the time of the offense. The penalty enhancement is a misdemeanor or felony one class higher than the underlying misdemeanor or felony for which the person was convicted. If a defendant pleads guilty or no contest to the underlying offense but not guilty to the enhancement offense specified in the bill, a jury will be empaneled to determine the issues.