

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Please note that, in addition to prohibiting a person from physically obstructing an officer, the crime of obstructing an officer also prohibits a person from giving false information to an officer or placing physical evidence with intent to mislead the officer. Therefore, the increased penalty for causing bodily harm to an officer while obstructing that officer could conceivably apply to a person who causes bodily harm to an officer, either intentionally or unintentionally, while giving that officer false information or while placing evidence. Would you prefer that the increased penalties only apply to a person who physically obstructs an officer?

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