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## H. B. No. 103

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# A BILL

To amend sections 2903.01, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13,	1
2903.21, and 2929.04 and to enact section 2903.23	2
of the Revised Code to increase the penalties for	3
certain offenses when a judge or magistrate is the	4
victim, to prohibit a person from threatening a	5
judge or magistrate, and to make the killing of a	6
judge or magistrate an aggravating circumstance	7
for the imposition of the death penalty for	8
aggravated murder.	9

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2903.01, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13,	10
2903.21, and 2929.04 be amended and section 2903.23 of the Revised	11
Code be enacted to read as follows:	12

sec. 2903.01. (A) No person shall purposely, and with prior 13
calculation and design, cause the death of another or the unlawful 14
termination of another's pregnancy. 15

(B) No person shall purposely cause the death of another orthe unlawful termination of another's pregnancy while committing17

or attempting to commit, or while fleeing immediately after 18 committing or attempting to commit, kidnapping, rape, aggravated 19 arson, arson, aggravated robbery, robbery, aggravated burglary, 20 burglary, terrorism, or escape. 21

(C) No person shall purposely cause the death of another who is under thirteen years of age at the time of the commission of the offense.

(D) No person who is under detention as a result of having
been found guilty of or having pleaded guilty to a felony or who
breaks that detention shall purposely cause the death of another.
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(E) No person shall purposely cause the death of a judge, 28
<u>magistrate, or</u> law enforcement officer whom the offender knows or 29
has reasonable cause to know is a judge, magistrate, or law 30
enforcement officer when either of the following applies: 31

(1) The victim, at the time of the commission of the offense, is engaged in the victim's duties.

(2) It is the offender's specific purpose to kill a judge,
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 magistrate, or law enforcement officer.
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(F) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated
murder, and shall be punished as provided in section 2929.02 of
the Revised Code.

(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Detention" has the same meaning as in section 2921.01 of 40the Revised Code.

(2) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in section 2911.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Judge" means a judge of a court created under the44constitution or statutes of this state or of a United States court45located in this state.46

(4) "Magistrate" means a magistrate of a court created under 47

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the constitution or statutes of this state or of a United States	48
court located in this state.	49
Sec. 2903.11. (A) No person shall knowingly do either of the	50
following:	51
(1) Cause serious physical harm to another or to another's	52
unborn;	53
(2) Cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another or to	54
another's unborn by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous	55
ordnance.	56
(B) No person, with knowledge that the person has tested	57
positive as a carrier of a virus that causes acquired	58
immunodeficiency syndrome, shall knowingly do any of the	59
following:	60
(1) Engage in sexual conduct with another person without	61 62
disclosing that knowledge to the other person prior to engaging in the sexual conduct;	63
(2) Engage in sexual conduct with a person whom the offender	64
knows or has reasonable cause to believe lacks the mental capacity	65
to appreciate the significance of the knowledge that the offender	66
has tested positive as a carrier of a virus that causes acquired	67
<pre>immunodeficiency syndrome;</pre>	68
(3) Engage in sexual conduct with a person under eighteen	69
years of age who is not the spouse of the offender.	70
(C) The prosecution of a person under this section does not	71
preclude prosecution of that person under section 2907.02 of the	72
Revised Code.	73
(D)(1)(a) Whoever violates this section is guilty of	74
felonious assault. Except as otherwise provided in this division	75
or division (D)(1)(b) of this section, felonious assault is a	76

felony of the second degree. If the victim of a violation of

division (A) of this section is a judge, magistrate, peace
officer, or an investigator of the bureau of criminal
identification and investigation, felonious assault is a felony of
the first degree.

(b) Regardless of whether the felonious assault is a felony 82 of the first or second degree under division (D)(1)(a) of this 83 section, if the offender also is convicted of or pleads guilty to 84 a specification as described in section 2941.1423 of the Revised 85 Code that was included in the indictment, count in the indictment, 86 or information charging the offense, except as otherwise provided 87 in this division or unless a longer prison term is required under 88 any other provision of law, the court shall sentence the offender 89 to a mandatory prison term as provided in division (D)(8) of 90 section 2929.14 of the Revised Code. If the victim of the offense 91 is a judge, magistrate, peace officer, or an investigator of the 92 bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and if the 93 victim suffered serious physical harm as a result of the 94 commission of the offense, felonious assault is a felony of the 95 first degree, and the court, pursuant to division (F) of section 96 2929.13 of the Revised Code, shall impose as a mandatory prison 97 term one of the prison terms prescribed for a felony of the first 98 degree. 99

(2) In addition to any other sanctions imposed pursuant to 100 division (D)(1) of this section for felonious assault committed in 101 violation of division (A)(2) of this section, if the deadly weapon 102 used in the commission of the violation is a motor vehicle, the 103 court shall impose upon the offender a class two suspension of the 104 offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, 105 temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident 106 operating privilege as specified in division (A)(2) of section 107 4510.02 of the Revised Code. 108

(E) As used in this section:

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(1) "Deadly weapon" and "dangerous ordnance" have the same	110
meanings as in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.	111
(2) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section	112
4501.01 of the Revised Code.	113
(3) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section	114
2935.01 of the Revised Code.	115
(4) "Sexual conduct" has the same meaning as in section	116
2907.01 of the Revised Code, except that, as used in this section,	117
it does not include the insertion of an instrument, apparatus, or	118
other object that is not a part of the body into the vaginal or	119
anal opening of another, unless the offender knew at the time of	120
the insertion that the instrument, apparatus, or other object	121
carried the offender's bodily fluid.	122
(5) "Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification	123
and investigation" means an investigator of the bureau of criminal	124
identification and investigation who is commissioned by the	125
superintendent of the bureau as a special agent for the purpose of	126
assisting law enforcement officers or providing emergency	127
assistance to peace officers pursuant to authority granted under	128
section 109.541 of the Revised Code.	129

(6) "Investigator" has the same meaning as in section 109.541130 of the Revised Code.131

(7) "Judge" and "magistrate" have the same meanings as in132section 2903.01 of the Revised Code.133

Sec. 2903.12. (A) No person, while under the influence of 134 sudden passion or in a sudden fit of rage, either of which is 135 brought on by serious provocation occasioned by the victim that is 136 reasonably sufficient to incite the person into using deadly 137 force, shall knowingly: 138

(1) Cause serious physical harm to another or to another's 139

unborn;

(2) Cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another or to
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another's unborn by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous
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ordnance, as defined in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.
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(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated 144 assault. Except as otherwise provided in this division, aggravated 145 assault is a felony of the fourth degree. If the victim of the 146 offense is a judge, magistrate, peace officer, or an investigator 147 of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, 148 aggravated assault is a felony of the third degree. Regardless of 149 whether the offense is a felony of the third or fourth degree 150 under this division, if the offender also is convicted of or 151 pleads quilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1423 152 of the Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in 153 the indictment, or information charging the offense, except as 154 otherwise provided in this division, the court shall sentence the 155 offender to a mandatory prison term as provided in division (D)(8)156 of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code. If the victim of the 157 offense is a judge, magistrate, peace officer, or an investigator 158 of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, and if 159 the victim suffered serious physical harm as a result of the 160 commission of the offense, aggravated assault is a felony of the 161 third degree, and the court, pursuant to division (F) of section 162 2929.13 of the Revised Code, shall impose as a mandatory prison 163 term one of the prison terms prescribed for a felony of the third 164 degree. 165

(C) As used in this section:

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(1) "Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification 167
 and investigation" has the same meaning as in section 2903.11 of 168
 the Revised Code. 169

(2) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 170

2935.01 of the Revised Code.

<u>(3) "Judge"</u>	and "	magistrate	<u>have</u>	the sam	<u>e meanings</u>	<u>as i</u>	. <u>n</u> 172
<u>section 2903.01</u>	of the	Revised C	<u>lode.</u>				173

sec. 2903.13. (A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt 174
to cause physical harm to another or to another's unborn. 175

(B) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to 176another or to another's unborn. 177

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of assault, and 178 the court shall sentence the offender as provided in this division 179 and divisions (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this section. 180 Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), or 181 (5) of this section, assault is a misdemeanor of the first degree. 182

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the 183 offense is committed by a caretaker against a functionally 184 impaired person under the caretaker's care, assault is a felony of 185 the fourth degree. If the offense is committed by a caretaker 186 against a functionally impaired person under the caretaker's care, 187 if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 188 to a violation of this section or section 2903.11 or 2903.16 of 189 the Revised Code, and if in relation to the previous conviction 190 the offender was a caretaker and the victim was a functionally 191 impaired person under the offender's care, assault is a felony of 192 the third degree. 193

(2) If the offense is committed in any of the following194circumstances, assault is a felony of the fifth degree:195

(a) The offense occurs in or on the grounds of a state
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the particular institution for business purposes or as a visitor, 201 and the offense is committed by a person incarcerated in the state 202 correctional institution, by a person institutionalized in the 203 department of youth services institution pursuant to a commitment 204 to the department of youth services, by a parolee, by an offender 205 under transitional control, under a community control sanction, or 206 on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release control, or 207 by an offender under any other type of supervision by a government 208 agency. 209

(b) The offense occurs in or on the grounds of a local 210 correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of 211 the local correctional facility or a probation department or is on 212 the premises of the facility for business purposes or as a 213 visitor, and the offense is committed by a person who is under 214 custody in the facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any 215 crime or delinquent act, subsequent to the person's being charged 216 with or convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person's 217 being alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child. 218

(c) The offense occurs off the grounds of a state 219 correctional institution and off the grounds of an institution of 220 the department of youth services, the victim of the offense is an 221 employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the 222 department of youth services, or a probation department, the 223 offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while 224 the employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the 225 offense is committed by a person incarcerated in a state 226 correctional institution or institutionalized in the department of 227 youth services who temporarily is outside of the institution for 228 any purpose, by a parolee, by an offender under transitional 229 control, under a community control sanction, or on an escorted 230 visit, by a person under post-release control, or by an offender 231 under any other type of supervision by a government agency. 232

(d) The offense occurs off the grounds of a local 233 correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of 234 the local correctional facility or a probation department, the 235 offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while 236 the employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the 237 offense is committed by a person who is under custody in the 238 facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any crime or 239 delinquent act, subsequent to the person being charged with or 240 convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person being alleged 241 to be or adjudicated a delinquent child and who temporarily is 242 outside of the facility for any purpose or by a parolee, by an 243 offender under transitional control, under a community control 244 sanction, or on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release 245 control, or by an offender under any other type of supervision by 246 a government agency. 247

(e) The victim of the offense is a school teacher or 248 administrator or a school bus operator, and the offense occurs in 249 a school, on school premises, in a school building, on a school 250 bus, or while the victim is outside of school premises or a school 251 bus and is engaged in duties or official responsibilities 252 associated with the victim's employment or position as a school 253 teacher or administrator or a school bus operator, including, but 254 not limited to, driving, accompanying, or chaperoning students at 255 or on class or field trips, athletic events, or other school 256 extracurricular activities or functions outside of school 257 premises. 258

(3) If the victim of the offense is a judge, magistrate,
peace officer, or an investigator of the bureau of criminal
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identification and investigation, a firefighter, or a person
performing emergency medical service, while in the performance of
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their official duties, assault is a felony of the fourth degree.

(4) If the victim of the offense is a judge, magistrate, 264

peace officer, or an investigator of the bureau of criminal 265 identification and investigation and if the victim suffered 266 serious physical harm as a result of the commission of the 267 offense, assault is a felony of the fourth degree, and the court, 268 pursuant to division (F) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, 269 shall impose as a mandatory prison term one of the prison terms 270 prescribed for a felony of the fourth degree that is at least 271 twelve months in duration. 272

(5) If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of 273 a public children services agency or a private child placing 274 agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's 275 performance or anticipated performance of official 276 responsibilities or duties, assault is either a felony of the 277 fifth degree or, if the offender previously has been convicted of 278 or pleaded guilty to an offense of violence, the victim of that 279 prior offense was an officer or employee of a public children 280 services agency or private child placing agency, and that prior 281 offense related to the officer's or employee's performance or 282 anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, a 283 felony of the fourth degree. 284

(6) If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to 285 assault when it is a misdemeanor also is convicted of or pleads 286 guilty to a specification as described in section 2941.1423 of the 287 Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the 288 indictment, or information charging the offense, the court shall 289 sentence the offender to a mandatory jail term as provided in 290 division (G) of section 2929.24 of the Revised Code. 291

If an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to 292 assault when it is a felony also is convicted of or pleads guilty 293 to a specification as described in section 2941.1423 of the 294 Revised Code that was included in the indictment, count in the 295 indictment, or information charging the offense, except as 296 otherwise provided in division (C)(4) of this section, the court 297 shall sentence the offender to a mandatory prison term as provided 298 in division (D)(8) of section 2929.14 of the Revised Code. 299

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 3022935.01 of the Revised Code. 303

(2) "Firefighter" has the same meaning as in section 3937.41 304of the Revised Code. 305

(3) "Emergency medical service" has the same meaning as insection 4765.01 of the Revised Code.307

(4) "Local correctional facility" means a county, 308 multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal 309 jail or workhouse, a minimum security jail established under 310 section 341.23 or 753.21 of the Revised Code, or another county, 311 multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal 312 facility used for the custody of persons arrested for any crime or 313 delinquent act, persons charged with or convicted of any crime, or 314 persons alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child. 315

(5) "Employee of a local correctional facility" means a 316
person who is an employee of the political subdivision or of one 317
or more of the affiliated political subdivisions that operates the 318
local correctional facility and who operates or assists in the 319
operation of the facility. 320

(6) "School teacher or administrator" means either of the 321
following: 322

(a) A person who is employed in the public schools of the
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state under a contract described in section 3319.08 of the Revised
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Code in a position in which the person is required to have a
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certificate issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.311 of the
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(b) A person who is employed by a nonpublic school for which
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the state board of education prescribes minimum standards under
section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and who is certificated in
accordance with section 3301.071 of the Revised Code.
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(7) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in332section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.333

(8) "Escorted visit" means an escorted visit granted under334section 2967.27 of the Revised Code.335

(9) "Post-release control" and "transitional control" have336the same meanings as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.337

(10) "Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification 338
 and investigation" has the same meaning as in section 2903.11 of 339
 the Revised Code. 340

(11) "Judge" and "magistrate" have the same meanings as in 341 section 2903.01 of the Revised Code. 342

Sec. 2903.21. (A) No person shall knowingly cause another to 343 believe that the offender will cause serious physical harm to the 344 person or property of the other person, the other person's unborn, 345 or a member of the other person's immediate family. 346

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated 347 menacing. Except as otherwise provided in this division, 348 aggravated menacing is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the 349 victim of the offense is a judge or magistrate or an officer or 350 employee of a public children services agency or a private child 351 placing agency and the offense relates to the judge's, 352 magistrate's, officer's, or employee's performance or anticipated 353 performance of official responsibilities or duties, aggravated 354 menacing is a felony of the fifth degree or, if the offender 355 previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an offense 356

of violence, the victim of that prior offense was <u>a judge or</u>	357
magistrate or an officer or employee of a public children services	358
agency or private child placing agency, and that prior offense	359
related to the judge's, magistrate's, officer's, or employee's	360
performance or anticipated performance of official	361
responsibilities or duties, a felony of the fourth degree.	362
(C) As used in this section, "judge" and "magistrate" have	363
the same meanings as in section 2903.01 of the Revised Code.	364
Sec. 2903.23. (A) As used in this section:	365
<u>(1) "Immediate family" includes a person's spouse, brothers</u>	366
and sisters of the whole or half blood, children, including	367
adopted children and stepchildren, parents, and grandparents.	368
<u>(2) "Judge" and "magistrate" have the same meanings as in</u>	369
section 2903.01 of the Revised Code.	370
(B) No person, with intent to influence or interfere with a	371
judge or magistrate in the performance of the judge's or	372
magistrate's official duties or to retaliate against a judge or	373
magistrate for any decision made or action taken in the	374
performance of the judge's or magistrate's official duties, shall	375
knowingly threaten a judge or magistrate with physical harm to the	376
person or property of the judge or magistrate, the judge's or	377
magistrate's unborn, or a member of the judge's or magistrate's	378
immediate family.	379
(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is quilty	380
of threatening a judge or magistrate, a felony of the fifth	381

<u>degree.</u>

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Sec. 2929.04. (A) Imposition of the death penalty for 383 aggravated murder is precluded unless one or more of the following 384 is specified in the indictment or count in the indictment pursuant 385 to section 2941.14 of the Revised Code and proved beyond a 386 reasonable doubt:

(1) The offense was the assassination of the president of the 388 United States or a person in line of succession to the presidency, 389 the governor or lieutenant governor of this state, the 390 president-elect or vice president-elect of the United States, the 391 governor-elect or lieutenant governor-elect of this state, or a 392 candidate for any of the offices described in this division. For 393 purposes of this division, a person is a candidate if the person 394 has been nominated for election according to law, if the person 395 has filed a petition or petitions according to law to have the 396 person's name placed on the ballot in a primary or general 397 election, or if the person campaigns as a write-in candidate in a 398 primary or general election. 399

(2) The offense was committed for hire. 400

(3) The offense was committed for the purpose of escaping
detection, apprehension, trial, or punishment for another offense
committed by the offender.

(4) The offense was committed while the offender was under 404 detention or while the offender was at large after having broken 405 detention. As used in division (A)(4) of this section, "detention" 406 has the same meaning as in section 2921.01 of the Revised Code, 407 except that detention does not include hospitalization, 408 institutionalization, or confinement in a mental health facility 409 or mental retardation and developmentally disabled facility unless 410 at the time of the commission of the offense either of the 411 following circumstances apply: 412

(a) The offender was in the facility as a result of beingcharged with a violation of a section of the Revised Code.414

(b) The offender was under detention as a result of being
 convicted of or pleading guilty to a violation of a section of the
 Revised Code.
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(5) Prior to the offense at bar, the offender was convicted
of an offense an essential element of which was the purposeful
killing of or attempt to kill another, or the offense at bar was
part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing of or
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attempt to kill two or more persons by the offender.

(6) The victim of the offense was a law enforcement officer, 423 as defined in section 2911.01 of the Revised Code, or a judge or 424 magistrate, as defined in section 2903.01 of the Revised Code, 425 whom the offender had reasonable cause to know or knew to be a law 426 enforcement officer or a judge or magistrate as so defined, and 427 either the victim, at the time of the commission of the offense, 428 was engaged in the victim's duties, or it was the offender's 429 specific purpose to kill a law enforcement officer or a judge or 430 magistrate as so defined. 431

(7) The offense was committed while the offender was
(32) committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after
(33) committing or attempting to commit kidnapping, rape, aggravated
(34) arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary, and either the
(35) offender was the principal offender in the commission of the
(36) aggravated murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the
(37) aggravated murder with prior calculation and design.

(8) The victim of the aggravated murder was a witness to an 439 offense who was purposely killed to prevent the victim's testimony 440 in any criminal proceeding and the aggravated murder was not 441 committed during the commission, attempted commission, or flight 442 immediately after the commission or attempted commission of the 443 offense to which the victim was a witness, or the victim of the 444 aggravated murder was a witness to an offense and was purposely 445 killed in retaliation for the victim's testimony in any criminal 446 447 proceeding.

(9) The offender, in the commission of the offense,purposefully caused the death of another who was under thirteen449

years of age at the time of the commission of the offense, and 450 either the offender was the principal offender in the commission 451 of the offense or, if not the principal offender, committed the 452 offense with prior calculation and design. 453

(10) The offense was committed while the offender was
committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after
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committing or attempting to commit terrorism.
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(B) If one or more of the aggravating circumstances listed in 457 division (A) of this section is specified in the indictment or 458 count in the indictment and proved beyond a reasonable doubt, and 459 if the offender did not raise the matter of age pursuant to 460 section 2929.023 of the Revised Code or if the offender, after 461 raising the matter of age, was found at trial to have been 462 eighteen years of age or older at the time of the commission of 463 the offense, the court, trial jury, or panel of three judges shall 464 consider, and weigh against the aggravating circumstances proved 465 beyond a reasonable doubt, the nature and circumstances of the 466 offense, the history, character, and background of the offender, 467 and all of the following factors: 468

(1) Whether the victim of the offense induced or facilitated469it;470

(2) Whether it is unlikely that the offense would have been
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(3) Whether, at the time of committing the offense, the
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offender, because of a mental disease or defect, lacked
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substantial capacity to appreciate the criminality of the
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offender's conduct or to conform the offender's conduct to the
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requirements of the law;

(4) The youth of the offender;

(5) The offender's lack of a significant history of prior 480

criminal convictions and delinquency adjudications;	481
(6) If the offender was a participant in the offense but not	482
the principal offender, the degree of the offender's participation	483
in the offense and the degree of the offender's participation in	484
the acts that led to the death of the victim;	485
(7) Any other factors that are relevant to the issue of	486
whether the offender should be sentenced to death.	487
(C) The defendant shall be given great latitude in the	488
presentation of evidence of the factors listed in division (B) of	489
this section and of any other factors in mitigation of the	490
imposition of the sentence of death.	491
The existence of any of the mitigating factors listed in	492
division (B) of this section does not preclude the imposition of a	493
sentence of death on the offender but shall be weighed pursuant to	494
divisions (D)(2) and (3) of section 2929.03 of the Revised Code by	495
the trial court, trial jury, or the panel of three judges against	496
the aggravating circumstances the offender was found guilty of	497
committing.	498
Section 2. That existing sections 2903.01, 2903.11, 2903.12,	499
2903.13, 2903.21, and 2929.04 of the Revised Code are hereby	500
repealed.	501