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A BILL

To amend section 2927.12 of the Revised Code to
rename the offense of ethnic intimidation identity
intimidation and to prohibit a person from
committing identity intimidation because of the
victim's ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender,
gender identity, or disability.

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

Section 1. That section 2927.12 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2927.12. (A) No person shall violate section 2903.21,
2903.22, 2909.06, or 2909.07, or division (A)(3), (4), or (5) of
section 2917.21 of the Revised Code by reason of the race, color,
religion, ~~or~~ national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation,
gender, identity, or disability of another person or group of
persons.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of ~~ethnic~~
identity intimidation. ~~Ethnic Identity~~ identity intimidation is an offense
of the next higher degree than the offense the commission of which
is a necessary element of ~~ethnic~~ identity intimidation.

<u>(C) As used in this section:</u>	19
<u>(1) "Disability" has the same meaning as in section 4112.01</u> <u>of the Revised Code.</u>	20 21
<u>(2) "Gender identity" means a person's actual or perceived</u> <u>gender-related identity, appearance, mannerisms, or other</u> <u>gender-related characteristics, with or without regard to the</u> <u>person's designated sex at birth.</u>	22 23 24 25
<u>(3) "Sexual orientation" means heterosexuality,</u> <u>homosexuality, or bisexuality, whether actual or perceived.</u>	26 27
Section 2. That existing section 2927.12 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.	28 29