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S. B. No. 53

Senator Kearney

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A BILL

To amend section 2927.12 of the Revised Code to 1
include in the offense of ethnic intimidation the 2
commission of specified offenses by reason of 3
disability of the victim. 4

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

Section 1. That section 2927.12 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 2927.12. (A) As used in this section, "disability" means 7
a physical, sensory, cognitive, or mental disorder that 8
substantially limits one or more major life activities, including, 9
but not limited to, the functions of caring for one's self, 10
performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, 11
breathing, learning, and working; a record of a physical, sensory, 12
cognitive, or mental disorder; or being regarded as having a 13
physical, sensory, cognitive, or mental disorder. 14

(B) No person shall violate section 2903.21, 2903.22, 15
2909.06, or 2909.07, or division (A)(3), (4), or (5) of section 16
2917.21 of the Revised Code by reason of the race, color, 17
religion, ~~or~~ national origin, or disability of another person or 18
group of persons. 19

~~(B)~~(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of ethnic 20

intimidation. Ethnic intimidation is an offense of the next higher 21
degree than the offense the commission of which is a necessary 22
element of ethnic intimidation. 23

Section 2. That existing section 2927.12 of the Revised Code 24
is hereby repealed. 25