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To amend section 2927.12 of the Revised Code to 1
expand the offense of "ethnic intimidation" to 2
also prohibit conduct currently specified in the 3
offense when the conduct is committed by reason of 4
another person's gender identity, sexual 5
orientation, or disability. 6

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

Section 1. That section 2927.12 of the Revised Code be 7
amended to read as follows: 8

Sec. 2927.12. (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Disability" has the same meaning as in section 4112.01 10
of the Revised Code. 11

(2) "Gender identity" means the gender-related identity, 12
appearance, or mannerisms of an individual, or other 13
gender-related characteristics of an individual, with or without 14
regard to the individual's designated gender at birth. 15

(3) "Sexual orientation" means actual or perceived 16

heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality. 17

(B) No person shall violate section 2903.21, 2903.22, 18
2909.06, or 2909.07, or division (A)(3), (4), or (5) of section 19
2917.21 of the Revised Code by reason of the race, color, 20
religion, ~~or~~ national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, 21
or disability of another person or group of persons. 22

~~(B)~~(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of ethnic 23
intimidation. Ethnic intimidation is an offense of the next higher 24
degree than the offense the commission of which is a necessary 25
element of ethnic intimidation. 26

Section 2. That existing section 2927.12 of the Revised Code 27
is hereby repealed. 28