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To enact section 5.2288 of the Revised Code to enact 1  
the "School Bullying Prevention Awareness Act" to 2  
designate September as School Bullying Prevention 3  
Awareness Month and to declare an emergency. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 5.2288 of the Revised Code be enacted 5  
to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 5.2288.** The month of September shall be designated as 7  
"School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month" to highlight the 8  
policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or bullying adopted 9  
by schools in the state and the required notice of those policies 10  
sent to parents and guardians annually under section 3313.666 of 11  
the Revised Code. 12

**Section 2.** This act shall be known as the "School Bullying 13  
Prevention and Awareness Act." 14

**Section 3.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 15  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 16  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 17

recognize school bullying prevention awareness month in this 18  
calendar year. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 19