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Primary Sponsor: Sen. Williams

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SUMMARY

- Creates the offense of aggravated bullying.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Aggravated bullying

The bill prohibits a person who is a student of a public primary or secondary school from knowingly causing another person who is a student of a public primary or secondary school to believe that the offender will cause serious emotional harm to the other person or serious physical harm to the person or property of the other person, the other person's unborn, or a member of the other person's immediate family. In addition to any other basis for the other person's belief that the offender will cause serious emotional harm to the other person or serious physical harm to the person or property of the other person, the other person's unborn, or a member of the other person's immediate family, the other person's belief may be based on the offender's words or conduct that are directed at or identify a corporation, association, or other organization that employs the other person or to which the other person belongs.¹

The bill also prohibits a person who is a student of a public primary or secondary school from knowingly causing serious emotional harm to another person who is a student of that school.²

Whoever violates either of these prohibitions is guilty of aggravated bullying, a third degree misdemeanor.³

¹ R.C. 2903.23(A).

² R.C. 2903.23(B).

³ R.C. 2903.23(C).

HISTORY

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