



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L_132_1158-5)
<b>Aggravated menacing: prohibited conduct</b>	No provision.	Prohibits a person from knowingly causing a utility worker, cable operator worker, or broadband worker to believe that the offender will cause serious physical harm to the worker or to property by threatening the worker with a deadly weapon when the person knows or has reasonable cause to know the worker's profession, the worker is engaged in the performance of the worker's duties, and the offender's intent is to obstruct the operation of a utility, cable, or broadband service ( <i>R.C. 2903.21(B)</i> ).
<b>Penalty for aggravated menacing</b>	Provides that aggravated menacing is a fourth degree felony if the victim of the offense is a utility worker whom the offender	Provides that aggravated menacing committed in violation of the prohibition above is generally a first degree

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	<p>knows or has reasonable cause to know is a utility worker, if the victim is engaged in the performance of the victim's duties, and if the offender threatens the victim with a deadly weapon with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility (R.C. 2903.21(B)(3)).</p>	<p>misdemeanor, unless the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to aggravated menacing, in which case a violation of the prohibition above is a fifth degree felony (R.C. 2903.21(C)(1) and (3)).</p>
<p><b>Definitions</b></p>	<p>Defines "utility" as an enterprise that provides gas, electric, steam, water, sewage, transportation, communication services, or cable and broadband services, whether publicly or privately owned (R.C. 2903.21(C)(3)).</p> <p>Defines "utility worker" as an employee of a person or entity whose primary responsibility is the operation or maintenance of a utility (R.C. 2903.21(C)(2)).</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Adds "storm water" services to the definition of "utility" and removes "cable and broadband services" (R.C. 2903.21(D)(6)).</p> <p>Adds to the definition of "utility worker" a contractor or agent of a person or entity whose primary responsibility is the operation or maintenance of a utility (R.C. 2903.21(D)(5)).</p> <p>Defines "broadband worker" as an employee, contractor, or agent of a person or entity, whether publicly or privately owned, that operates or maintains facilities that provide broadband services (R.C. 2903.21(D)(1)).</p> <p>Defines "cable operator worker" as an employee, contractor, or agent of a cable operator (R.C. 2903.21(D)(2)).</p> <p>Specifies, by cross-reference to R.C. 1332.21, that "cable operator" has the same meaning as in federal law, 47 U.S.C.</p>

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		522, in which it is defined as "any person or group of persons who provides cable service over a cable system and directly or through one or more affiliates owns a significant interest in such cable system, or who otherwise controls or is responsible for, through any arrangement, the management and operation of such a cable system" <i>(R.C. 2903.21(D)(3))</i> .

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