

**As Introduced**

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**S. B. No. 196**

**Senator Williams  
Cosponsor: Senator Brown**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 2903.23 of the Revised Code to 1  
create the offense of aggravated bullying, a 2  
third-degree misdemeanor. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 2903.23 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 2903.23.** (A) No person who is a student of a public 6  
primary or secondary school shall knowingly cause another person 7  
who is a student of a public primary or secondary school to 8  
believe that the offender will cause serious emotional harm to 9  
the other person or serious physical harm to the person or 10  
property of the other person, the other person's unborn, or a 11  
member of the other person's immediate family. In addition to 12  
any other basis for the other person's belief that the offender 13  
will cause serious emotional harm to the other person or serious 14  
physical harm to the person or property of the other person, the 15  
other person's unborn, or a member of the other person's 16  
immediate family, the other person's belief may be based on 17  
words or conduct of the offender that are directed at or 18

<u>identify a corporation, association, or other organization that</u>	19
<u>employs the other person or to which the other person belongs.</u>	20
<u>(B) No person who is a student of a public primary or</u>	21
<u>secondary school shall knowingly cause serious emotional harm to</u>	22
<u>another person who is a student of that school.</u>	23
<u>(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated</u>	24
<u>bullying, a misdemeanor of the third degree.</u>	25