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**A BILL**

To enact section 2903.17 of the Revised Code to 1  
create the offense of strangulation by a law 2  
enforcement officer. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 2903.17 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 2903.17.** (A) No law enforcement officer, while acting 6  
in the capacity of a law enforcement officer, shall knowingly 7  
cause serious physical harm to a person by knowingly impeding 8  
the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of the person 9  
by applying pressure to the throat or neck, or by blocking the 10  
nose or mouth, of the person. 11

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of 12  
strangulation by a law enforcement officer, a felony of the 13  
third degree. 14