A BILL

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

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

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

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

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