

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 329

**Senator Bacon
Cosponsor: Senator Terhar**

A BILL

To amend section 2903.31 of the Revised Code to 1
expand the definition of hazing and increase the 2
penalty from a fourth degree misdemeanor to a 3
first degree misdemeanor. 4

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

Section 1. That section 2903.31 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 2903.31. (A) As used in this section, "hazing" means 7
doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do 8
any act of initiation into any student or other organization or 9
any act to affirm, continue, or reinstate membership in or 10
affiliation with any student or other organization that causes 11
or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm 12
to any person. 13

(B) (1) No person shall recklessly participate in the 14
hazing of another. 15

(2) No administrator, employee, or faculty member of any 16
primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or of any other 17
educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly 18

permit the hazing of any person. 19

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of hazing, a 20
misdemeanor of the ~~fourth~~ first degree. 21

Section 2. That existing section 2903.31 of the Revised 22
Code is hereby repealed. 23