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A BILL

Го	amend sections 2909.07, 2909.10, 2911.21,	1
	2911.211, and 2917.32 and to enact sections	2
	2307.67 and 2923.04 of the Revised Code to	3
	modify certain criminal offenses with respect to	4
	critical infrastructure facilities and to impose	5
	fines and civil liability for damage to a	6
	critical infrastructure facility.	7

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

Section 1. That sections 2909.07, 2909.10, 2911.21,	8
2911.211, and 2917.32 be amended and sections 2307.67 and	9
2923.04 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	10
Sec. 2307.67. (A) As used in this section:	11
(1) "Compensation" means money, thing of value, or	12
financial benefit. "Compensation" does not include bail, fines,	13
or court costs.	14
(2) "Critical infrastructure facility" has the same	15
meaning as in section 2911.21 of the Revised Code.	16

(3) "Organization" has the same meaning as in section	17
2901.23 of the Revised Code.	18
(B) An owner or operator of a critical infrastructure	19
facility may elect to commence a civil action under division (A)	20
of section 2307.60 or section 2307.61 of the Revised Code or	21
under this section against any person who willfully causes	22
damage to the critical infrastructure facility. The plaintiff	23
may recover compensatory damages equal to the replacement value	24
of the property that was damaged. The plaintiff also may recover	25
reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and other reasonable	26
expenses incurred in maintaining the civil action under this	27
section.	28
(C) A person or organization may only be held vicariously	29
liable for a judgment the plaintiff obtains against the person	30
who damaged the critical infrastructure facility if the person	31
or organization did either of the following:	32
(1) Directed, authorized, facilitated, or encouraged the	33
person to cause damage to the critical infrastructure facility;	34
(2) Provided compensation to the person for damaging the	35
critical infrastructure facility.	36
(D) In a civil action to recover damages under this	37
section, the trier of fact may determine that the defendant	38
willfully caused damage to the critical infrastructure facility,	39
regardless of whether the defendant has been charged with any	40
related criminal offense, has pleaded guilty to or been	41
convicted of a criminal offense, or has been adjudicated a	42
delinquent child in connection with the property damage.	43
(E) This section does not affect any criminal prosecution	44
or any action to obtain a delinquent child adjudication in	45

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connection with the property damage.	46
Sec. 2909.07. (A) No person shall:	47
(1) Without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface,	48
damage, destroy, or otherwise improperly tamper with either of	49
the following:	50
(a) The property of another;	51
(b) One's own residential real property with the purpose	52
to decrease the value of or enjoyment of the residential real	53
property, if both of the following apply:	54
(i) The residential real property is subject to a	55
mortgage.	56
(ii) The person has been served with a summons and	57
complaint in a pending residential mortgage loan foreclosure	58
action relating to that real property. As used in this division,	59
"pending" includes the time between judgment entry and	60
confirmation of sale.	61
(2) With purpose to interfere with the use or enjoyment of	62
property of another, employ a tear gas device, stink bomb, smoke	63
generator, or other device releasing a substance that is harmful	64
or offensive to persons exposed or that tends to cause public	65
alarm;	66
(3) Without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface,	67
damage, destroy, or otherwise improperly tamper with a bench	68
mark, triangulation station, boundary marker, or other survey	69
station, monument, or marker;	70
(4) Without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface,	71
damage, destroy, or otherwise improperly tamper with any safety	72
device, the property of another, or the property of the offender	73

(1) "safety Safety device" means any fire extinguisher,

fire hose, or fire axe, or any fire escape, emergency exit, or

emergency escape equipment, or any life line, life-saving ring,

life preserver, or life boat or raft, or any alarm, light,

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flare, signal, sign, or notice intended to warn of danger or	103
emergency, or intended for other safety purposes, or any guard	104
railing or safety barricade, or any traffic sign or signal, or	105
any railroad grade crossing sign, signal, or gate, or any first	106
aid or survival equipment, or any other device, apparatus, or	107
equipment intended for protecting or preserving the safety of	108
persons or property.	109
(2) "Critical infrastructure facility" has the same	110
meaning as in section 2911.21 of the Revised Code.	111
(3) "Improperly tamper" means to change the physical	112
location or the physical condition of the property.	113
(C)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal	114
mischief, and shall be punished as provided in division (C)(2)	115
$\frac{\text{or}}{(3)}$, or $\frac{(4)}{(4)}$ of this section.	116
(2) Except as otherwise provided in this division,	117
criminal mischief committed in violation of division (A)(1),	118
(2), (3) , (4) , or (5) of this section is a misdemeanor of the	119
third degree. Except as otherwise provided in this division, if	120
the violation of division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this	121
section creates a risk of physical harm to any person, criminal	122
mischief committed in violation of division (A)(1), (2), (3),	123
(4), or (5) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first	124
degree. If the property involved in the violation of division	125
(A) (1) , (2) , (3) , (4) , or (5) of this section is an aircraft, an	126
aircraft engine, propeller, appliance, spare part, fuel,	127
lubricant, hydraulic fluid, any other equipment, implement, or	128
material used or intended to be used in the operation of an	129
aircraft, or any cargo carried or intended to be carried in an	130
aircraft, criminal mischief committed in violation of division	131
(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section is one of the	132

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following:

(a) If the violation creates a risk of physical harm to	134
any person, except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2)(b)	135
of this section, criminal mischief committed in violation of	136
division (A)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this section is a	137
felony of the fifth degree.	138

- (b) If the violation creates a substantial risk of

 physical harm to any person or if the property involved in a

 violation of this section is an occupied aircraft, criminal

 mischief committed in violation of division (A)(1), (2), (3),

 (4), or (5) of this section is a felony of the fourth degree.

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- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 144 criminal mischief committed in violation of division (A)(6) of 145 this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Except as 146 otherwise provided in this division, if the value of the 147 computer, computer system, computer network, computer software, 148 computer program, or data involved in the violation of division 149 (A)(6) of this section or the loss to the victim resulting from 150 the violation is one thousand dollars or more and less than ten 151 thousand dollars, or if the computer, computer system, computer 152 network, computer software, computer program, or data involved 153 in the violation of division (A)(6) of this section is used or 154 intended to be used in the operation of an aircraft and the 155 violation creates a risk of physical harm to any person, 156 criminal mischief committed in violation of division (A)(6) of 157 this section is a felony of the fifth degree. If the value of 158 the computer, computer system, computer network, computer 159 software, computer program, or data involved in the violation of 160 division (A)(6) of this section or the loss to the victim 161 resulting from the violation is ten thousand dollars or more, or 162

if the computer, computer system, computer network, computer	163
software, computer program, or data involved in the violation of	164
division (A)(6) of this section is used or intended to be used	165
in the operation of an aircraft and the violation creates a	166
substantial risk of physical harm to any person or the aircraft	167
in question is an occupied aircraft, criminal mischief committed	168
in violation of division (A)(6) of this section is a felony of	169
the fourth degree.	170
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(4) Criminal mischief committed in violation of division	171
(A) (7) of this section is a felony of the third degree.	172
Sec. 2909.10. (A) No person shall knowingly, and by any	173
means, drop or throw any object at, onto, or in the path of, any	174
railroad rail, railroad track, locomotive, engine, railroad car,	175
or other vehicle of a railroad company while such vehicle is on	176
a railroad track.	177
(B) No person, without privilege to do so, shall climb	178
upon or into any locomotive, engine, railroad car, or other	179
vehicle of a railroad company when it is on a railroad track.	180
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(C) No person, without privilege to do so, shall disrupt,	181
delay, or prevent the operation of any train or other vehicle of	182
a railroad company while such vehicle is on a railroad track.	183
(D) No person, without privilege to do so, shall knowingly	184
enter or remain on the land or premises of a railroad company.	185
(E) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is	186
guilty of railroad vandalism. Whoever violates division (B) of	187
this section is guilty of criminal trespass on a locomotive,	188
engine, railroad car, or other railroad vehicle. Whoever	189
violates division (C) of this section is guilty of interference	190
with the operation of a train	191

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Except as otherwise provided in this division, railroad	192
vandalism; criminal trespass on a locomotive, engine, railroad	193
car, or other railroad vehicle; and interference with the	194
operation of a train each is a misdemeanor of the first degree.	195
Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the violation	196
of division (A), (B), or (C) of this section causes serious	197
physical harm to property or creates a substantial risk of	198
physical harm to any person, the violation is a felony of the	199
fourth degree. Except as otherwise provided in this division, if	200
the violation of division (A), (B), or (C) of this section	201
causes physical harm to any person, the violation is a felony of	202
the third degree. If the violation of division (A), (B), or (C)	203
of this section causes serious physical harm to any person, the	204
violation is a felony of the second degree.	205
(F) Whoever violates division (D) of this section is	206
guilty of criminal trespass on the land or premises of a	207
railroad company, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.	208
Sec. 2911.21. (A) No person, without privilege to do so,	209
shall do any of the following:	210
(1) Knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of	211
another;	212
(2) Knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of	213
another, the use of which is lawfully restricted to certain	214
persons, purposes, modes, or hours, when the offender knows the	215
offender is in violation of any such restriction or is reckless	216
in that regard;	217
(3) Recklessly enter or remain on the land or premises of	218
another, as to which notice against unauthorized access or	219

presence is given by actual communication to the offender, or in

a manner prescribed by law, or by posting in a manner reasonably	221
calculated to come to the attention of potential intruders, or	222
by fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to restrict	223
access;	224
(4) Being on the land or premises of another, negligently	225
fail or refuse to leave upon being notified by signage posted in	226
a conspicuous place or otherwise being notified to do so by the	227
owner or occupant, or the agent or servant of either;	228
(5) Knowingly enter or remain on a critical infrastructure	229
facility.	230
(B) It is no defense to a charge under this section that	231
the land or premises involved was owned, controlled, or in	232
custody of a public agency.	233
(C) It is no defense to a charge under this section that	234
the offender was authorized to enter or remain on the land or	235
premises involved, when such authorization was secured by	236
deception.	237
(D)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminal	238
$trespass_{7}$. Criminal trespass in violation of division (A)(1),	239
(2), (3), or (4) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth	240
degree. Criminal trespass in violation of division (A)(5) of	241
this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree.	242
(2) Notwithstanding section 2929.28 of the Revised Code,	243
if the person, in committing the violation of this section, used	244
a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle,	245
the court shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount	246
imposed for the violation.	247
(3) If an offender previously has been convicted of or	248
pleaded guilty to two or more violations of this section or a	249

substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, and the offender,	250
in committing each violation, used a snowmobile, off-highway	251
motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, the court, in addition to or	252
independent of all other penalties imposed for the violation,	253
may impound the certificate of registration of that snowmobile	254
or off-highway motorcycle or the certificate of registration and	255
license plate of that all-purpose vehicle for not less than	256
sixty days. In such a case, section 4519.47 of the Revised Code	257
applies.	258
(E) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code, if	259
the offender, in committing the violation of this section, used	260
an all-purpose vehicle, the clerk of the court shall pay the	261
fine imposed pursuant to this section to the state recreational	262
vehicle fund created by section 4519.11 of the Revised Code.	263
(F) As used in this section:	264
(1) "All-purpose vehicle," "off-highway motorcycle," and	265
"snowmobile" have the same meanings as in section 4519.01 of the	266
Revised Code.	267
(2) "Land or premises" includes any land, building,	268
structure, or place belonging to, controlled by, or in custody	269
of another, and any separate enclosure or room, or portion	270
thereof.	271
(3) "Production operation," "well," and "well pad" have	272
the same meanings as in section 1509.01 of the Revised Code.	273
(4) "Critical infrastructure facility" means:	274
(a) One of the following, if completely enclosed by a	275
fence or other physical barrier that is obviously designed to	276
exclude intruders, or if clearly marked with signs that are	277
reasonably likely to come to the attention of potential	278

intruders and that indicate entry is forbidden without site	279
<pre>authorization:</pre>	280
(i) A petroleum or alumina refinery;	281
(ii) An electric generating facility, substation,	282
switching station, electrical control center, or electric	283
transmission and distribution lines and associated equipment;	284
(iii) A chemical, polymer, or rubber manufacturing	285
<pre>facility;</pre>	286
(iv) A water intake structure, water treatment facility,	287
waste water facility, drainage facility, water management	288
facility, or any similar water or sewage treatment system and	289
<pre>its water and sewage piping;</pre>	290
(v) A natural gas company facility or interstate natural	291
gas pipeline, including a pipeline interconnection, a natural	292
gas compressor station and associated facilities, city gate or	293
town border station, metering station, above-ground piping,	294
regulator station, valve site, delivery station, fabricated	295
assembly, or any other part of a natural gas storage facility	296
involved in the gathering, storage, transmission, or	297
distribution of gas;	298
(vi) A telecommunications central switching office or	299
remote switching facility or an equivalent network facility that	300
serves a similar purpose;	301
(vii) Wireline or wireless telecommunications	302
infrastructure, including telecommunications towers and	303
telephone poles and lines, including fiber optic lines;	304
(viii) A port, trucking terminal, or other freight	305
transportation facility:	306

(ix) A gas processing plant, including a plant used in the	307
processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas or	308
<pre>natural gas liquids;</pre>	309
(x) A transmission facility used by a federally licensed	310
<pre>radio or television station;</pre>	311
(xi) A steel-making facility that uses an electric arc	312
<pre>furnace to make steel;</pre>	313
(xii) A facility identified and regulated by the United	314
States department of homeland security's chemical facility anti-	315
terrorism standards program under 6 C.F.R. part 27;	316
(xiii) A dam that is regulated by the state or federal	317
<pre>government;</pre>	318
(xiv) A crude oil or refined products storage and	319
distribution facility, including valve sites, pipeline	320
interconnections, pump station, metering station, below- or	321
above-ground pipeline, or piping and truck loading or off-	322
<pre>loading facility;</pre>	323
(xv) A video service network and broadband infrastructure,	324
including associated buildings and facilities, video service	325
headends, towers, utility poles, and utility lines such as fiber	326
optic lines. As used in this division, "video service network"	327
has the same meaning as in section 1332.21 of the Revised Code.	328
(xvi) Any above-ground portion of an oil, gas, hazardous	329
liquid or chemical pipeline, tank, or other storage facility;	330
(xvii) Any above-ground portion of a well, well pad, or	331
<pre>production operation;</pre>	332
(xviii) A laydown area or construction site for pipe and	333
other equipment intended for use on an interstate or intrastate	334

natural gas or crude oil pipeline;	335
(xix) Any mining operation, including any processing	336
equipment, batching operation, or support facility for that	337
mining operation.	338
(b) With respect to a video service network or broadband	339
or wireless telecommunications infrastructure, the above-ground	340
portion of a facility installed in a public right-of-way on a	341
utility pole or in a conduit;	342
(c) Any railroad property;	343
(d) An electronic asset of any of the following:	344
(i) An electric light company that is a public utility	345
under section 4905.02 of the Revised Code;	346
(ii) An electric cooperative, as defined in section	347
4928.01 of the Revised Code;	348
(iii) A municipal electric utility, as defined in section	349
4928.01 of the Revised Code;	350
(iv) A natural gas company that is a public utility under	351
section 4905.02 of the Revised Code;	352
(v) A telephone company that is a public utility under	353
section 4905.02 of the Revised Code;	354
(vi) A video service provider, including a cable operator,	355
as those terms are defined in section 1332.21 of the Revised	356
Code.	357
(5) "Electronic asset" includes, but is not limited to,	358
the hardware, software, and data of a programmable electronic	359
device; all communications, operations, and customer data	360
networks; and the contents of those data networks.	361

Sec. 2911.211. (A) $\underline{(1)}$ No person shall enter or remain on	362
the land or premises of another with purpose to commit on that	363
land or those premises a misdemeanor, the elements of which	364
involve causing physical harm to another person or causing	365
another person to believe that the offender will cause physical	366
harm to him that person.	367
(2) No person shall enter or remain on a critical	368
infrastructure facility with purpose to destroy or tamper with	369
the facility.	370
(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated	371
$trespass_{7}$. Aggravated trespass in violation of division (A)(1)	372
of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Aggravated	373
trespass in violation of division (A)(2) of this section is a	374
felony of the third degree.	375
(C) As used in this section, "critical infrastructure	376
facility" has the same meaning as in section 2911.21 of the	377
Revised Code.	378
Sec. 2917.32. (A) No person shall do any of the following:	379
(1) Initiate or circulate a report or warning of an	380
alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime, or other	381
catastrophe, knowing that the report or warning is false and	382
likely to cause public inconvenience or alarm;	383
(2) Knowingly cause a false alarm of fire or other	384
emergency to be transmitted to or within any organization,	385
public or private, for dealing with emergencies involving a risk	386
of physical harm to persons or property;	387
(3) Report to any law enforcement agency an alleged	388
offense or other incident within its concern, knowing that such	389
offense did not occur:	390

(4) Initiate or circulate a report or warning of an	391
alleged or impending fire, explosion, crime, or other	392
catastrophe, knowing that the report or warning is false and	393
likely to impede the operation of a critical infrastructure	394
facility.	395
(B) This section does not apply to any person conducting	396
an authorized fire or emergency drill.	397
(C)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of making	398
false alarms.	399
(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(3), (4),	400
(5), or (6) of this section, making false alarms is a	401
misdemeanor of the first degree.	402
(3) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(4) of	403
this section, if a violation of this section results in economic	404
harm of one thousand dollars or more but less than seven	405
thousand five hundred dollars, making false alarms is a felony	406
of the fifth degree.	407
(4) If a violation of this section pertains to a	408
purported, threatened, or actual use of a weapon of mass	409
destruction, making false alarms is a felony of the third	410
degree.	411
(5) If a violation of this section results in economic	412
harm of seven thousand five hundred dollars or more but less	413
than one hundred fifty thousand dollars and if division (C)(4)	414
of this section does not apply, making false alarms is a felony	415
of the fourth degree.	416
(6) If a violation of this section results in economic	417
harm of one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more, making false	418
alarms is a felony of the third degree.	419

(D)(1) It is not a defense to a charge under this section	420
that pertains to a purported or threatened use of a weapon of	421
mass destruction that the offender did not possess or have the	422
ability to use a weapon of mass destruction or that what was	423
represented to be a weapon of mass destruction was not a weapon	424
of mass destruction.	425
(2) Any act that is a violation of this section and any	426
other section of the Revised Code may be prosecuted under this	427
section, the other section, or both sections.	428
(E) As used in this section, "economic:	429
(1) "Critical infrastructure facility" has the same	430
meaning as in section 2911.21 of the Revised Code.	431
(2) "Economic harm" and "weapon of mass destruction" have	432
the same meanings as in section 2917.31 of the Revised Code.	433
Sec. 2923.04. (A) As used in this section:	434
(1) "Compensation" means money, thing of value, or	435
financial benefit. "Compensation" does not include bail, fines,	436
or court costs.	437
(2) "Critical infrastructure facility" has the same	438
meaning as in section 2911.21 of the Revised Code.	439
(3) "Organization" has the same meaning as in section	440
2901.23 of the Revised Code.	441
(B) No organization shall knowingly direct, authorize,	442
facilitate, or encourage a person to commit any of the following	443
offenses or provide compensation to a person for committing any	444
of the following offenses:	445
(1) Criminal mischief in violation of division (A)(7) of	446

section 2909.07 of the Revised Code;	447
(2) Criminal trespass in violation of division (A)(5) of	448
section 2911.21 of the Revised Code;	449
(3) Aggravated trespass in violation of division (A)(2) of	450
section 2911.211 of the Revised Code;	451
(4) Telecommunications harassment in violation of division	452
(A) (4) of section 2917.21 of the Revised Code that involves a	453
threat of damage to or destruction of a critical infrastructure	454
<pre>facility;</pre>	455
(5) Making false alarms in violation of division (A)(4) of	456
section 2917.32 of the Revised Code.	457
(C) Whoever violates this section is quilty of improper	458
organizational involvement with a critical infrastructure	459
facility. Notwithstanding section 2929.31 of the Revised Code,	460
improper organizational involvement with a critical	461
infrastructure facility shall be punished as follows:	462
(1) A violation of division (B)(1) of this section shall	463
be punished with a fine that is ten times the maximum fine that	464
can be imposed on an individual for a violation of division (A)	465
(7) of section 2909.07 of the Revised Code;	466
(2) A violation of division (B)(2) of this section shall	467
be punished with a fine that is ten times the maximum fine that	468
can be imposed on an individual for a violation of division (A)	469
(5) of section 2911.21 of the Revised Code;	470
(3) A violation of division (B)(3) of this section shall	471
be punished with a fine that is ten times the maximum fine that	472
can be imposed on an individual for a violation of division (A)	473
(2) of section 2911 211 of the Revised Code:	474

(4) A violation of division (B)(4) of this section shall	475
be punished with a fine that is ten times the maximum fine that	476
can be imposed on an individual for a violation of division (A)	477
(4) of section 2917.21 that involves a threat of damage to or	478
destruction of a critical infrastructure facility;	479
(5) A violation of division (B)(5) of this section shall	480
be punished with a fine that is ten times the maximum fine that	481
can be imposed on an individual for a violation of division (A)	482
(4) of section 2917.32 of the Revised Code.	483
Section 2. That existing sections 2909.07, 2909.10,	484
2911.21, 2911.211, and 2917.32 of the Revised Code are hereby	485
repealed.	486

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