



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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S.B. 214

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits the practice of or facilitation of female genital mutilation.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Female genital mutilation prohibited

The bill prohibits any person from knowingly circumcising, excising, or infibulating any part of the labia majora or labia minora or clitoris of another person who is under 18 years old. Relatedly, the bill also prohibits any person from knowingly transporting a minor to a facility or location for the purpose of facilitating such an act. A person who violates either of the bill's prohibitions is guilty of female genital mutilation, a fifth degree felony punishable by a term of imprisonment between six and 12 months and a fine of up to \$2,500. The court may impose an additional fine on an offender of up to \$25,000.¹

Excluded conduct

The bill does not apply to any procedure performed for medical purposes if the act is performed by a licensed physician or licensed health care professional within the scope of that person's license.²

¹ R.C. 2903.32(A) and (B) and 2929.14 and 2929.18, not in the bill.

² R.C. 2903.32(C).

Defenses

A person charged with the offense of female genital mutilation may not raise any of the following as defenses to a violation of the bill:³

- Cultural or ritual necessity;
- Consent of the minor;
- Consent of the minor's parent or guardian.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-05-17

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³ R.C. 2903.32(D).

