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A BILL

To enact section 2913.321 of the Revised Code to 1  
create the offense of nonconsensual distribution 2  
of a deepfake. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 2913.321 of the Revised Code be 4  
enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 2913.321.** (A) As used in this section, "deepfake" 6  
means an image or recording that has been convincingly altered 7  
and manipulated to misrepresent a person as performing an action 8  
or making a statement that person did not, in fact, perform or 9  
make. 10

(B) No person shall, without the consent of the depicted 11  
individual, in order to harass, extort, threaten, or cause 12  
physical, emotional, reputational, or economic harm to an 13  
individual falsely depicted, knowingly do any of the following: 14

(1) Create a deepfake with intent to distribute; 15

(2) Distribute a deepfake; 16

<u>(3) Solicit the creation of a deepfake with intent to</u>	17
<u>distribute.</u>	18
<u>(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of</u>	19
<u>nonconsensual distribution of a deepfake, a misdemeanor of the</u>	20
<u>first degree on a first offense and a felony of the fifth degree</u>	21
<u>on each subsequent offense.</u>	22