



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2907.231 Engaging in prostitution.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Person with a developmental disability" has the same meaning as in section 2905.32 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Sexual activity for hire" means an implicit or explicit agreement to provide sexual activity in exchange for anything of value paid to the person engaging in such sexual activity, to any person trafficking that person, or to any person associated with either such person.

(B) No person shall recklessly induce, entice, or procure another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person.

(C) No person shall recklessly induce, entice, or procure another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person if the other person is a person with a developmental disability and the offender knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the other person is a person with a developmental disability.

(D) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty of engaging in prostitution, a misdemeanor of the first degree. Whoever violates division (C) of this section is guilty of engaging in prostitution with a person with a developmental disability, a felony of the third degree. In sentencing an offender under this division for a violation of division (B) or (C) of this section, the court shall require the offender to attend an education or treatment program aimed at preventing persons from inducing, enticing, or procuring another to engage in sexual activity for hire in exchange for the person giving anything of value to the other person. Notwithstanding the fine specified in division (A)(2)(a) of section 2929.28 of the Revised Code for a misdemeanor of the first degree, in sentencing an offender under this division for a violation of division (B) of this section, the court may impose upon the offender a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars.
