

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2012-0241

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| Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Conwell</b> | <b>A Resolution</b> requesting the Ohio General Assembly to make physical assault on public transit workers a felony under Ohio law, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. |
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**WHEREAS**, physical attacks on Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority bus drivers have increased over the past year, and in recent weeks, such attacks have received increased public attention; and

**WHEREAS**, bus drivers and all transit workers are at great risk of assault and verbal abuse because of the nature of their work with the general public, and

**WHEREAS**, other states have laws that provide specific penalties for harming public transportation workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio already protects several categories of public workers, including school bus drivers, by providing specific felony penalties for assaults on such workers; and

**WHEREAS**, to better protect public transportation workers while on duty, the State of Ohio should adopt a law making assault on a public transportation worker a felony.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Cuyahoga County urges the Ohio General Assembly to enact legislation making assault on public transit workers a felony under Ohio law.

**SECTION 2.** Cuyahoga County Council authorizes the Clerk of Council to transmit a copy of this resolution to members of the Ohio General Assembly who represent any area of Cuyahoga County.

**SECTION 3.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to timely express Council's concerns to the Ohio General Assembly. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Schron, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Gallagher, Schron and Connally

Nays: None

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| County Executive         | Date  |
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| Clerk of Council         | Date  |

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 27, 2012  
Committee(s) Assigned: Public Safety

Committee Report/Second Reading: February 12, 2013

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