



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Ohio Cities Call Plans to Change Marijuana Law Bait and Switch](#)

[Governor Unsure that Trump Order Could Bring Back Ohio Executions](#)

[Ohio GOP Pushes to Defund Sanctuary Cities, Law Enforcement Agencies that Don't Aid ICE](#)

[Are Cops Crime Victims When They Are Attacked on Duty? Ohio Supreme Court to Decide.](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Spring Training will be held April 17 – 18 at the Hilton Polaris.

Introduced

[House Bill 96 \(Biennial Budget\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Stewart enacts the state operating budget.

[House Bill 36 \(Execution Methods – Nitrogen Hypoxia\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Stewart and Plummer adds nitrogen hypoxia as a method of execution and prohibits the disclosure of execution identifying information.

[House Bill 72 \(Abolish Death Penalty\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Schmidt and Mathews prohibits public funding for lethal injection drugs, abolishes the death penalty, and modifies the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment.

[House Bill 88 \(Drug Trafficking Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Abrams and Plummer increases the penalties for drug trafficking above certain amounts and prohibits organized trafficking of persons.

[Senate Bill 86 \(Hemp Regulation\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Huffman and Wilkin generally prohibits the sale of intoxicating hemp products, except for sales at licensed dispensaries, regulates drinkable cannabinoid products.

[House Bill 47 \(Human Trafficking Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Williams and Santucci enacts the Human Trafficking Prevention Act to increase the penalty for human trafficking of a minor or person with a developmental disability, kidnapping, and abduction.

[House Bill 84 \(Obscene Material/Age Verification\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Demetriou and Williams prohibits an organization from failing to verify the age of a person attempting to access material that is obscene or harmful to juveniles, prohibits a person from using another person's likeness to create sexual images of the other person, and creates a private right of action for each prohibited activity.

[Senate Bill 64 \(Animal Cruelty\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Cutrona increases the penalties for violating companion animal cruelty offenses and prohibits a felony animal abuse offender from owning a companion animal in certain circumstances.

[House Bill 31 \(Record Parole Board Hearings\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Stewart and Humphrey requires electronic recordings to be made of all parole board hearings and to make electronic recordings of full parole board hearings public records.

For a complete list of bills that the OPAA is tracking and OPAA positions on legislation, please visit www.ohiopa.org.

[House Bill 68 \(Concealed Carry/Firearms Disability Relief\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Mathews and Pizzulli allows a concealed handgun licensee to carry a handgun in a building or structure that is not a courthouse but in which a courtroom is located in specified circumstances and permits a nonresident of Ohio to obtain statutory relief from firearms disability based on an Ohio conviction, guilty plea, or delinquent child adjudication.

[House Bill 76 \(Increasing Township Trustee Membership\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Lorenz and Baker allows the electors of certain townships to increase the membership of their boards of township trustees.

[House Bill 79 \(Assaulting a Sports Official\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Roemer and J. Miller increases the penalties for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official.

[House Bill 82 \(Construction Zones – Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Click and Johnson provides for increased penalties and driver education for traffic offenses in construction zones.

[House Bill 86 \(Tax Foreclosures/Land Reutilization\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Demetriou and [Senate Bill 102 \(Tax Foreclosures/Land Reutilization\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Patton makes changes to the law relating to tax foreclosures and county land reutilization corporations.

[Senate Bill 97 \(Penalty – Failure to Yield to Funeral Procession\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Craig and Wilson doubles the fines for failing to yield to a funeral procession.