



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Anti-Hooning Bill Spurred by Dayton Officials and Activists Set to Become Law](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Want to Speed Up Appeals When State Laws Are Blocked](#)

[Ohio House Votes to Crack Down on Catalytic Converter Theft](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Vote to Crack Down on Sextortion After Teen's Death](#)

[Appeals Court to Reconsider Qualified Immunity Ballot Issue Order](#)

[Deepfake Crackdown Could See Vote Soon in Ohio House](#)

Sent to Governor for Signature

[House Bill 56 \(Stunt Driving/Fleeing\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Plummer (R – Dayton) and White (R – Kettering) prohibits causing the death of or serious physical harm to another while operating a utility vehicle or mini-truck, requires law enforcement entities to adopt policies and to train officers regarding the pursuit of motor vehicles, increases penalties for fleeing from law enforcement and prohibits stunt driving.

[Senate Bill 214 \(Human Trafficking Victim – Record Expungement\)](#)

sponsored by Sen. Kunze (R – Columbus) allows victims of human trafficking to apply to have misdemeanors, F5 and F4 offenses expunged without a conviction for engaging in prostitution, soliciting, or loitering to engage in solicitation. An applicant must establish by clear and convincing evidence that the offenses that they seek to expunge were the result of their victimization.

Passed by House

[House Bill 531 \(Sexual Extortion\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Lorenz (R – Powell) and Lear (R – Galena) prohibits sexual extortion and aggravated sexual extortion and allows family of certain victims of aggravated sexual extortion to receive compensation from the crime victims compensation fund. The bill now goes to the Senate.

[House Bill 366 \(Organized Retail Theft\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Ghanbari (R – Perrysburg) creates the Organized Retail Theft Advisory Council within the OCIC, creates the crime of theft of mail, and modifies theft offenses and penalties related to retail property. The bill now goes to the Senate.

[House Bill 328 \(Catalytic Converter Theft\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Roemer (R – Richfield) and Plummer (R – Dayton) increases penalties for theft of and receipt of stolen catalytic converters and creates new requirements for scrap metal dealers and other entities that purchase used catalytic converters. The bill now goes to the Senate.

[House Bill 497 \(County Law Changes\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Stewart (R – Ashville) and Klopfenstein (R – Haviland) makes various changes regarding county law. The bill now goes to the Senate.

[House Bill 315 \(Township Law Changes\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Hall (R – Madison Twp.) and Seitz (R – Cincinnati) makes various changes regarding township law. The bill now goes to the Senate.

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