



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Revive the Death Penalty, Restore Justice in Ohio](#)

[Drag queen bill: Supporters don't want events with kids, testify at legislative hearing scheduled during Pride Month](#)

[Lawmakers seek changes in Ohio's new recreational pot market](#)

[Ohio lawmakers pass bill attempting to ban foreign money from state ballot campaigns](#)

[Ohio House committee passes resolution blaming China for fentanyl supply](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Summer Workshop at Cedar Point is Coming Up – June 21 – 22.

Enacted in Special Session

[House Bill 1 \(Campaign Finance – Foreign Contributions\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Seitz prohibits foreign nationals from making campaign contributions or expenditures on statewide ballot issues and prohibits individuals and certain entities from soliciting or accepting contributions or expenditures for a foreign national. Provides for criminal and financial penalties for violations of the bill and gives the Attorney General exclusive authority to investigate and prosecute violations.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 278 \(Regulation of Marijuana/Hemp\)](#) sponsored by Sens. S. Huffman and Schuring creates new definitions of cannabidiol, hemp, hemp product, adult-use hemp product, and tetrahydrocannabinol to address issues surround the sale of products containing Delta-8. Prohibits the sale of adult-use hemp products to individuals under 21 and at any place other than a permanent building. Prohibits smoking marijuana in public and requires home growers to file an affidavit with the Division of Cannabis Control

[House Bill 551 \(Firearm Prohibitions – Illegal Aliens\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Wiggam (R – Wooster) prohibits persons who are unlawfully present in the United States from possessing firearms.

[House Bill 532 \(Peace Officers – Court Officials\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Lorenz (R – Powell) amends the definition of "peace officer" to include bailiffs of a municipal court and probation officers. Increases the penalty for assault of a judge, magistrate, prosecutor, or other court official or employee.

[House Bill 615 \(Child in Need of Protective Services\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Jones (R – Freeport) and Williams (R – Toledo) adopts a "child in need of protective services" model of child protection. It repeals current R.C. 2151.03, 2151.031, 2151.04, and 2151.05 and replaces them with a new R.C. 2151.03.

[House Bill 603 \(Probation Violations\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Pavliga (R – Atwater) Specifically authorizes a sheriff or deputy sheriff to report violations of community control.

[House Bill 525 \(Assault of School Employees\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Brennan (D – Parma) and Pizzulli (R – Franklin Furnace) includes other school employees or volunteers within subsection that enhances assault to an F5 for school teachers, administrators, and school bus operators.

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