



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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Bills on the Move

[House Bill 228](#) (Burden of Proof – Self Defense) sponsored by Reps. Johnson and LaTourette was amended in House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee. One amendment, added at the request of the OPAA changes the bill so that the burden of proof shifts to the prosecution if the accused presents “evidence upon which a factfinder could rationally find” that the act was self-defense. Previously the bill required evidence tending to support self-defense. The bill has had five hearings in the House. A companion bill in the Senate, [Senate Bill 180](#), has had four hearings.

Recently Introduced

[Senate Bill 290/House Bill 597](#) (Misleading Caller ID) sponsored by Sen. Burke, and Reps. Dever and Faber, prohibits a person from knowingly causing any caller ID service from transmitting information using or repeating a telephone number or exchange that is not assigned to the person (F5) or misleading or inaccurate caller ID information knowing that the information will defraud or cause harm (F4). The penalties are increased by one degree under certain circumstances.

[Senate Bill 289/House Bill 609](#) (Expulsions – Threat of Violence) sponsored by Sen. Kunze and Rep. Hughes would authorize school districts to adopt resolutions to authorize a superintendent to expel a student for communicating a threat to kill or do physical harm to persons or property. Additionally, the bills revise who may seek to have an individual involuntarily committed under Chapter 5122.

[House Bill 612](#) (Child Abuse Registry) sponsored by Rep. Perales would require the Attorney General to establish and maintain a publicly accessible child abuse registry containing information on offenders who commit certain offenses against minors under 14 years of age.

[House Bill 601](#) (Medication Assisted Treatment) sponsored by Rep. Ginter excludes office-based medication assisted treatment for opioid dependence from the prohibitions on providing opioid treatment to more than thirty patients and specifies that such treatment may be provided by a physician, physician assistant, or advance practice registered nurse.

[House Bill 593](#) (Dashboard Recordings) sponsored by Rep. Ramos generally excludes portions of a peace officer's dashboard camera recordings that show an officer being killed or suffering grievous bodily harm in the line of duty from the public records law.

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