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OPAA NEWS

Register now for OPAA Fall Training September 26 – 27 in Cleveland.

Bail Task Force

[The Supreme Court Task Force to Examine the Ohio Bail System](#) released its report on July 24. The Task Force recommended nine changes to the bail system in Ohio including requiring the use of a validated risk assessment tool in making bail determinations, requiring courts to consider all alternatives to pre-trial detention, requiring the adoption of a uniform bond schedule in counties with more than one municipal court, and improved pre-trial services.

Governor's Proposals to Reduce Gun Violence

On August 6th, Governor DeWine announced a series of [legislative reforms to address gun violence](#). These include, among other things, safety protection orders to allow for the removal of firearms from individuals who are found to be a danger to themselves or others, expanded background checks, and increased penalties for felons who illegally possess firearms, committing a felony while in possession of a firearm, brandishing a gun, straw purchases, illegally obtained guns, and improperly providing a firearm to a minor.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 179](#) (Front License Plate) sponsored by Sens. Uecker and Hottinger retains current law requiring a front license plate for most motor vehicles. The requirement to have a front license plate was repealed by House Bill 62 (Transportation Budget) but does not go into effect until July 1, 2020.

[House Bill 319](#) (Local Control – Firearms) sponsored by Reps. West and A. Miller repeals the version of R.C. 9.68 scheduled to take effect on December 28, 2019 to restore local authority to regulate firearms-related conduct.

[Senate Bill 182](#) (Penalties – Furnishing Firearm to Minor) sponsored by Sens. Thomas and Lehner would increase the penalty for improperly furnishing firearms to an underage person from an F5 to an F3 and raise the minimum age to purchase a firearm.

[Senate Bill 183](#) (Firearm Transfers) sponsored by Sens. Thomas and Lehner requires firearm transfers to be made through a dealer, a law enforcement agency, or pursuant to a specified exception.

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