



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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IN THE NEWS

[Advocates Push for Changes to Ohio's HIV-Related Laws](#)

[Ohio prosecutors, elections officials, activists pushing for clarity on open-ended 'Zuckerbucks' elections law change](#)

[Legal sports betting coming soon to Ohio: What to know about it](#)

[Attorney Fees Provision Sours Support for Guardianship Overhaul](#)

[Aid expanded for crime victims, including from Oregon District shooting](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Annual Meeting is December 16 – 17 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton.

Introduced

[House Bill 500](#) (Repeal Mandatory Bindovers) sponsored by Reps. Stewart and Lampton repeals mandatory juvenile bindovers and reverse bindovers. The bill also outlines new statutory factors that a juvenile court must consider when deciding whether to make a discretionary bindover and grants a juvenile whose case has been transferred the right to immediately appeal the transfer.

[House Bill 498](#) (Adult Use Marijuana) sponsored by Reps. Callender and Ferguson legalizes recreational use marijuana for people 21 and older and makes it legal to possess less than 50g of marijuana, less than 8g of hashish in solid form, or less than two grams of hashish in a liquid concentrate, liquid extract, or liquid distillate form. The bill establishes the Division of Marijuana Control within the Department of Commerce as the regulatory entity.

[House Bill 504](#) (Disturbing Religious Gatherings) sponsored by Reps. Carfagna and Johnson increases the penalty for disturbing a lawful meeting to an M1 when the violation is committed with the intent to disturb or disquiet a meeting for religious purposes at a tax-exempt place of worship or with intent to prevent, disrupt, or interfere with a virtual meeting or gathering for religious worship.

Signed by Governor

[Senate Bill 36](#) (Crime Victim Reparations) sponsored by Sens. Manning and S. Huffman will be *effective on March 2, 2022*. The bill revises the eligibility standards and procedure for awarding reparations to crime victims and modifies the time limitation to file an application for an award of reparations.

[Senate Bill 54](#) (Telecommunications Fraud) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone will be *effective on March 2, 2022*. The bill makes changes to telecommunications fraud to prohibit a person, with intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value, from knowingly causing a caller ID service to display misleading or inaccurate ID information. The bill also amends R.C. 109.87 and 109.88 regarding prohibitions and investigations of telemarketers.

Passed By House

[House Bill 272](#) (High-Volume Third-Party Sellers) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and Ghanbari requires online marketplaces to gather certain information from high-volume third-party sellers and establishes that a violation of the bill's provisions is an unfair or deceptive trade or practice.