



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

## Legislative Newsletter

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### IN THE NEWS

[Ohio Lawmakers  
Going After Red-Light,  
Traffic Cameras Again](#)

### OPAA NEWS

Congrats to the OPAA  
Award Winners:

Paul Dobson – Wood  
*Leadership Award*

Dan Lutz – Wayne  
*Outstanding Prosecutor*

Terri Kohlrieser –Allen  
*Outstanding Assistant  
Prosecutor*

Kelly Heile – Butler  
*Meritorious Assistant  
Prosecutor*

Jessica Roush – Brown  
*Outstanding Staffperson*

Officer Elizabeth  
Herbert – Wayne  
*Outstanding Peace  
Officer*

### Recently Introduced Legislation

[House Bill 425](#) (Police Worn Body Cameras) sponsored by Rep. Niraj Antani provides that specified portions of peace officers' body-worn camera recordings are not public records.

[House Bill 426](#) (Sexual Conduct) sponsored by Rep. Christina Hagan includes sex between an employee of a public school or institution of higher education and a pupil in that school or institution of higher education within the offense of sexual battery provided that there is a four year age difference. The bill also repeals the F2 penalty for this offense involving a victim under the age of 13 thereby clarifying that such conduct is statutory rape, an F1.

[Senate Bill 235](#) (Sex Offenders) sponsored by Rep. John Eklund creates a procedure for "eligible offenders" to apply to the court to terminate SORN registration requirements. An eligible offender is one who was under 21 at the time of the act, was convicted of unlawful sexual contact with a minor, is found to be at low risk to reoffend, was sentenced to community control, has not had a subsequent conviction, whose victim was at least 14, and who was not in a position of authority over the victim.

[House Bill 423](#) (Masked Intimidation) sponsored by Rep. Bill Seitz creates the crime of masked intimidation and makes the crime an M1. Masked intimidation includes wearing a mask for the purpose of obstructing the execution of the law, intimidating, hindering, or interrupting a person in the performance of the person's legal duty, or preventing a person from exercising rights granted to them by the constitution.

[Senate Bill 234](#) (Firearms – Subsidized Housing) sponsored by Sen. Frank LaRose, prohibits the inclusion of a prohibition or restriction on the ownership, use, or possession of a firearm in a rental agreement for subsidized rental property.

[House Bill 427](#) (Substance Abuse) sponsored by Rep. Ron Young among other things, requires the Dept. of Health to publish drug overdose information and creates grants for faith-based substance abuse services.

For a complete list of bills that the OPAA is tracking and OPAA positions on legislation, please visit [www.ohiopa.org](http://www.ohiopa.org).