



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

## Legislative Newsletter

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### OPAA NEWS

Congratulations to the  
OPAA Award  
Winners:

Warren County  
Prosecutor David  
Fornshell –  
Outstanding  
Prosecutor

David Harrold –  
Outstanding Assistant  
Prosecutor (Wood)

Joshua Aspin –  
Meritorious Assistant  
Prosecutor (Ashland)

Orvis Campbell –  
Outstanding Peace  
Officer (Tuscarawas)

Dawn Hall –  
Outstanding Staff  
Person (Defiance)

Rep. Jim Hughes –  
John Murphy  
Leadership Award

### Bills on the Move

[Senate Bill 20](#) (Permanent Disabling Harm Specification) sponsored by Sen. Hackett passed the House on November 28. The bill requires an additional prison term of 6 years for a felonious assault on a victim under 10 if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the assault caused permanent disabling harm.

[Senate Bill 207](#) (Strangulation) sponsored by Sen. Kunze makes strangulation of a family or household member an F3 on a first offense and an F2 on subsequent offenses. The bill provides that the prosecution need not prove physical harm or serious physical harm.

[House Bill 96](#) (Sexual Imposition) sponsored by Rep. Hughes was reported out of Senate Judiciary on November 27. The bill increases the penalty for sexual imposition when the offender previously has been convicted or pleaded guilty three or more times of any of several specified sex offenses.

[Senate Bill 214](#) (Female Genital Mutilation) sponsored by Sens. Lehner and Terhar was reported out of Senate Judiciary on November 29. The bill prohibits female genital mutilation and specifies that it is an F2.

[Senate Bill 250](#) (Critical Infrastructure) sponsored by Sen. Hoagland was reported out of Senate Judiciary on November 28. The bill provides for additional penalties for certain offenses involving critical infrastructure.

### Introduced

[House Joint Resolution 19](#) (Ballot Initiatives) sponsored by Reps. LaTourette and Holmes makes it more difficult to place constitutional amendments on the ballot and enact them. It eases the process for enacting an initiated statute.

[House Bill 778](#) (Inmate Competency Evaluations) sponsored by Rep. Gavarone would prohibit a court from ordering a defendant to be held for a competency evaluation in a center, program, or facility operated by the ODMHAS unless charged with a felony or offense of violence.

[Senate Bill 339](#) (Rape Statute of Limitations) sponsored by Sen. Schiavoni would eliminate the statute of limitations for rape.

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).