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[DeWine Commits to Arrest Warrant Reforms, Makes Domestic Violence a Priority](#)

[Tuscarawas County Prosecutor – Drug Cases Contribute to 49 Percent Increase in Felonies](#)

[Political Rivals Team Up to Overhaul Drug Sentencing in Ohio](#)

[Awaiting Trial – Bail Concerns, Stubborn Defendants Lead to Crowded Jails](#)

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OPAA NEWS

The OPAA is hosting a 1 hour Appellate Advocacy Webinar on March 27 at Noon.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 3](#) (Drug Sentencing Reform) sponsored by Sens. Eklund and O'Brien is a placeholder bill to express the intent of the General Assembly to develop and enact legislation to reform Ohio's drug sentencing laws. The substantive changes are still being developed. The bill is priority legislation for the Senate and House.

[Senate Bill 43](#) (Domestic Violence) sponsored by Sens. Antonio and Kunze specifies that strangulation of a family or household member or dating partner is a felony offense, makes felony domestic violence a "high-tier" felony of the third degree, and provides for firearms restrictions for domestic violence and domestic violence related offenses.

[Senate Bill 48](#) (Speedy Trial) sponsored by Sen. Eklund to provide the prosecution with 14 days to bring a person to trial in certain circumstances where the speedy trial time has elapsed or will soon elapse.

[Senate Bill 5](#) (Promoting Prostitution Penalties) sponsored by Sens. Dolan and Kunze amends the penalties for promoting prostitution to provide for increased penalties for prior convictions and convictions where the offender is also convicted of or pleads guilty to drug trafficking.

[Senate Bill 28](#) (Violating a Protection Order Penalties) sponsored by Sen. Hottinger provides for increased penalties for violating a protection order when the offenders has certain prior convictions.

[Senate Bill 47](#) (SORN – Unlawful Sexual Contact with Minor) sponsored by Sen. Eklund creates a procedure for certain offenders convicted of unlawful sexual contact with a minor to petition a court for reclassification or removal from duties under the SORN law and to permit record sealing in those cases.

[Senate Bill 17](#) (Sexual Assault Victim Identification) sponsored by Sens. Antonio and Yuko would prohibit law enforcement agencies from including identifying information of sexual assault victims in police reports posted online.

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