



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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IN THE NEWS

[Ohio Lawmakers Mull A Bill That Would Increase Penalties for Animal Cruelty](#)

[Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Expects General Assembly to Adopt Bail Reforms](#)

[New Ohio Bail Reform Plan Excludes Key Recommendation](#)

[Proposal Would Create Ohio Database of Convicted Sex Buyers](#)

[Ohio Legislators Propose Contrasting Routes Against Prostitution](#)

OPAA NEWS

Join us for a webinar – “Seeking Justice, What Prosecutors Can Learn From Exonerations” on March 10 from Noon – 1 PM.

Reported Out of Committee

[House Bill 277](#) (Recording Custodial Interrogations) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and West was reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee on January 30. The bill requires electronic recording of certain custodial interrogations. OPAA is opposed to this legislation. We are seeking amendments to clarify that the failure to record cannot, by itself, result in suppression of a statement and an additional exception to the recording requirement based on the interests of justice or totality of the circumstances.

[Senate Bill 156](#) (Drug Screenings) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 29. The bill prohibits manufacturing, marketing, selling, distribution, possession, or use of synthetic urine or urine additives to defraud an alcohol, drug, or urine screening test.

[Senate Bill 33](#) (Critical Infrastructure Offenses) sponsored by Sen. Hoagland was reported out of the House Public Utilities Committee on January 29. The bill increases penalties for criminal mischief, criminal trespass, aggravated trespass, and making false alarms in relation to critical infrastructure facilities.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 265](#) (Domestic Violence – Functionally Impaired Person) sponsored by Sen. Kunze provides for increased penalties for domestic violence if the victim is a functionally impaired person.

[House Bill 477](#) (Limited Driving Privileges) sponsored by Reps. West and Kick requires courts to grant limited driving privileges in certain criminal cases and in cases involving failure to pay child support.

[House Bill 486](#) (Fraudulent Assisted Reproduction) sponsored by Rep. Powell prohibits a health care professional from performing an assisted reproduction procedure if the person receiving the procedure has not expressly consented to the use of material from that donor.

Ohio Administrative Code

ODRC recently proposed changes to the OAC regarding the [procedure for release on parole](#) and the factors to be considered.

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