



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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OPAA NEWS

The 2018 OPAA
Committee
assignments are posted
on our website
www.ohiopa.org.

Recently Introduced Legislation

[House Bill 482](#) (Public Nuisance – Blight Foreclosure) sponsored by Reps. Lipps and Miller would expedite public nuisance and blight foreclosure actions. The bill creates a new penalty for failing to comply with an injunction or order regarding abatement of a public nuisance.

[House Bill 496](#) (Assault – Transit Worker) sponsored by Reps. Kelly and Perales would increase the penalty for assault when the victim is an employee of an Ohio transit system.

Bills Heard in Committee

[Senate Bill 1](#) (Drug Laws) sponsored by Sen. LaRose specifically prohibits the sale or possession of fentanyl and fentanyl related compounds. The bill was reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee on January 30.

[House Bill 410](#) (Red Light Cameras) sponsored by Reps. Butler and Seitz would grant municipal and county courts original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action concerning a traffic law violation. Additionally, the bill would allow the state to withhold local government funding from subdivisions that operate traffic law photo monitoring devices. The bill was reported out of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

[House Bill 411](#) (Wrongful Imprisonment) sponsored by Reps. Seitz and Sykes would modify the state's wrongful imprisonment law. The bill had a second hearing in the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee on February 7.

Bills Scheduled to Hear the Week of February 12

[House Bill 228](#) (Use of Force – Self-Defense) sponsored by Reps. Johnson and LaTourette would require the prosecution to disprove self-defense beyond a reasonable doubt and eliminate the duty to retreat. The bill is scheduled for a third hearing in House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee.

[House Bill 355](#) (Sexting) sponsored by Rep. Rezabek would prohibit sexting a person under 21 years of age, makes the offense a misdemeanor of the first degree, and authorizes diversion. The bill is scheduled for a first hearing in the House Criminal Justice Committee.

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