



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

## Legislative Newsletter

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### OPAA NEWS

The OPAA is working with the OCVJC and OVWA to provide a short webinar on Marsy's Law on February 16. We hope to offer additional training at our Spring Seminar.

### Recently Introduced Legislation

[Senate Bill 244](#) (Promoting Prostitution – Penalties) sponsored by Sens. Matt Dolan and Gayle Manning increases the penalty for promoting prostitution from an F4 to an F3 if the offender has previously been convicted of or pled guilty to such an offense or if the offender also is convicted of or pleads guilty to drug trafficking. Increase the penalty from an F3 to an F2 if there are two or more prior convictions. Provides for a mandatory prison sentence if the offender is also convicted of a firearms specification.

[House Bill 461](#) (Delinquency Abeyance – Child Trafficking) sponsored by Reps. Fedor and Galonski requires a juvenile court to hold a delinquency complaint in abeyance if the child is a victim of human trafficking or if the child is charged with soliciting, loitering to engage in solicitation, or prostitution. Expands the circumstances under which a person can be charged with trafficking in persons for the recruitment of 16 and 17 year olds.

[House Bill 457](#) (Opiate Use – Parole/Probation) sponsored by Rep. Niraj Antani provides that an offender who is subjected to a random drug test as part of parole, post-release control, or probation and who tests positive for certain opiates shall be held in jail or admitted to residential drug treatment for thirty days or until the court or adult parole authority determines an appropriate punishment.

[Senate Bill 242](#) (Prohibitions – Firearms) sponsored by Sen. Frank LaRose eliminates the prohibition on manufacturing, possessing for sale, selling, or furnishing brass knuckles, cestus, billy, blackjack, sandbag, switchblade knife, springblade knife, gravity knife, or similar weapon.

### Bills Heard in Committee

A substitute version of [House Bill 228](#) (Use of Force – Self-Defense), sponsored by Reps. Terry Johnson and Sarah LaTourette, was adopted in House Committee. In addition to the original changes regarding the burden of proof for self-defense, the duty to retreat, and reduced penalties for carrying a concealed weapon, the substitute version of the bill eliminates the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee carry valid ID, provides for state preemption of local firearm regulations and remedies, generally bars a rental agreement for subsidized rental property from barring the lawful possession of weapons, and provides an affirmative defense to a charge of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle. A comparison document can be found on the page provided in the link.

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).